ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1223

By: Robinson of the Senate

and

Anthony of the House

[public health and safety - Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act - effective date - emergency]

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 204, O.S.L. 1995 (63 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 5006), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5006. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. The Authority shall have the power and duty to:

1. Purchase health care benefits for state and education employees and Medicaid recipients, and others who are dependent on the state for necessary medical care, as specifically authorized by law;

2. Develop state and education employee health care plans as authorized by Section 5011 of this title;

3. Enter into contracts for the delivery of state-purchased health care and establish standards and criteria which must be met by entities to be eligible to contract with the Authority for the delivery of state-purchased health care;

4. Develop a proposed standard basic health care benefits package or packages to be offered by health services providers, for state and education employees and Medicaid recipients;

5. Study all matters connected with the provision of state-purchased and state-subsidized health care coverage;

6. Develop and submit plans, reports and proposals, provide information and analyze areas of public and private health care interaction pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act, Section 5003 et seq. of this title;

7. Serve as a resource for information on state-purchased and state-subsidized health care access, cost containment and related health issues;

8. Administer programs and enforce laws placed under the jurisdiction of the Authority pursuant to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act, and such other duties prescribed by law;

9. Collaborate with and assist the Insurance Commissioner in the development of a Uniform Claim Processing System for use by third-party payors and health care providers;

10. Collaborate with and assist the State Department of Health with the development of licensure standards and criteria for pre-paid health plans; ~~and~~

11. In conjunction with the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options System, review and evaluate State Medicaid Program eligibility and enrollment guidelines in relation to federal regulations; and

~~11.~~ 12. Exercise all incidental powers which are necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act.

B. All positions within the Authority shall be unclassified until approval of the annual business and personnel plan submitted by January 1, 1995, by the Governor and the Legislature. In the annual business plan submitted January 1, 1995, the Board shall include a personnel plan which shall list, describe and justify all unclassified positions within the Authority and their compensation. All other employees and positions shall be classified and subject to

the provisions of the Merit System of Personnel Administration as provided in the Oklahoma Personnel Act, Section 840.1 et seq. of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1996.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 29th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives