

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 370

By: Monson of the Senate
and
Seikel of the House

[poor persons - amending Section 7, Chapter 336,
O.S.L. 1993 (56 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1010.7) -
Oklahoma Medicaid Health Care Options Act -
codification - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 7, Chapter 336, O.S.L.
1993 (56 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1010.7), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 1010.7 A. There is hereby established to continue
until September 30, 1999, the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee
for the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options System.

B. The Committee shall be composed of three members of the
Oklahoma State Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
of the Senate, and three members of the Oklahoma House of
Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
Representatives. Members shall serve terms of two (2) years and
shall be removable for cause by the appointing authority. Vacancies
on the Committee shall be filled by the appointing authority.

C. The Committee may use the expertise and services of the
staffs of the Senate and the House of Representatives and may, as
necessary, employ and contract for the advice and services of

experts in the fields as well as other necessary professional and clerical staff.

D. The Committee shall be convened no less than four times a year.

E. The Committee, in conjunction with the ~~state entity designated by law or the Department of Human Services, as specified in paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 3 of this act~~ Oklahoma Health Care Authority, shall review negotiations with the federal government relating to any and all agreements between the federal government and the State of Oklahoma concerning Title XIX programs in this state under Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 1396 et seq.

F. The Committee shall review and make recommendations concerning all proposals for additions or modifications to populations covered or services provided by the ~~state entity designated by law or the Department, as specified in paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 3 of this act~~ Oklahoma Health Care Authority. The Committee shall also monitor the implementation of these additions or modifications, including review of the preadmission screening instrument, the eligibility and enrollment system and the services delivery system.

G. The Committee, in conjunction with the ~~state entity designated by law or the Department, as specified in paragraph 1 of subsection A of Section 3 of this act~~ Oklahoma Health Care Authority, shall conduct a study of client advocacy and community outreach. The Committee shall submit a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than January 1, 1997.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1010.8 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to be designated the "Medicaid Expansion Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all taxes levied, pursuant to paragraph 1 of Section 624 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes, on premiums paid by entities subject to such premium tax on behalf of Medicaid recipients. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and shall be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority for expansion of coverage under the State Medicaid Program pursuant to Section 3 of this act.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1010.9 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As funds become available in the Medicaid Expansion Revolving Fund, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority is hereby authorized to expand coverage under the State Medicaid Program in three phases as follows:

1. First to pregnant women and children up to six (6) years of age in families whose incomes are below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level;

2. Then to children seven (7) to eighteen (18) years of age in families whose incomes are below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal level. Coverage to such individuals shall be provided on a sliding fee scale basis; and

3. Then to all individuals in families whose incomes are below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level, and who have been uninsured for the six (6) months immediately preceding their date of application. Coverage to such individuals shall be provided on a sliding fee scale basis.

B. If necessary, the Authority shall submit an application for a waiver to the federal Health Care Financing Administration to implement the expansions.

C. Expenditure of funds for expansion of coverage under the State Medicaid Program shall be contingent upon the amount of revenue in the Medicaid Expansion Revolving Fund, however, the Authority shall fully implement the first phase of expansion before implementing the second phase and subsequently the third phase.

D. The Authority shall submit the plan for expansion of coverage under the State Medicaid Program to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options System for review prior to implementation.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

Passed the Senate the 1st day of March, 1995.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives