ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1303

By: Monson of the Senate

and

Voskuhl of the House

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 1, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 1992 (56 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 187.1), which relates to the Advisory Committee on Medical Care for Public Assistance Recipients; replacing obsolete references; modifying composition of certain committee; requiring bimonthly meetings; stating purpose of meetings; providing for chair, vice-chair, staff support and technical assistance, and a quorum; providing for travel reimbursement for committee members; requiring due consideration be given to certain comments and recommendations in certain deliberations; providing for recodification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 1992 (56 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 187.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 187.1 A. The Advisory Committee on Medical Care for Public Assistance Recipients, created by the ~~Department of Human Services~~ Oklahoma Health Care Authority, pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 431.12, for the purpose of advising the ~~Department~~ Authority about health and medical care services, shall include among its membership the following:

1. Board-certified physicians and other representatives of the health professions who are familiar with the medical needs of low-income population groups and with the resources available and required for their care. The Advisory Committee shall, at all times, include at least one physician from each of the six classes of physicians listed in Section 725.2 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided, however, such physicians shall be participating providers in the State Medicaid Plan;

2. Members of consumers' groups, including, but not limited to:

a. Medicaid recipients, and

b. representatives from each of the following consumer organizations ~~such as labor unions, cooperatives, consumer-sponsored prepaid group practice plans, and others~~ which represent the interests of:

(1) people who are economically disadvantaged,

(2) children,

(3) the elderly,

(4) people with mental illness,

(5) people who are developmentally disabled, and

(6) people with alcohol or substance abuse problems; and

3. The ~~Commissioner~~ Director of ~~Health~~ the Department of Human Services.

B. The Advisory Committee shall meet bimonthly to review and make recommendations related to:

1. Policy development and program administration;

2. Policy changes proposed by the Authority prior to consideration of such changes by the Authority;

3. Financial concerns related to the Authority and the administration of the programs under the Authority; and

4. Other pertinent information related to the management and operation of the Authority and the delivery of health and medical care services.

C. 1. The Administrator of the Authority shall provide such staff support and independent technical assistance as needed by the Advisory Committee to enable the Advisory Committee to make effective recommendations.

2. The Advisory Committee shall elect from among its members a chair and a vice-chair. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the Advisory Committee.

3. Members shall not receive any compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. The Authority shall give due consideration to the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee in the Authority's deliberations on policies, administration, management and operation of the Authority.

SECTION 2. RECODIFICATION Section 1, Chapter 291, O.S.L. 1992 (56 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 187.1), as amended by Section 1 of this act, shall be recodified as Section 5009.1 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

Passed the Senate the 6th day of May, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of May, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives