

SHORT TITLE: Poor persons; Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options System; Oklahoma Health Care Authority proposal to offer coverage to certain persons; waiver application; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 370

By: Monson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 7, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1993 (56 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1010.7), which relates to the Oklahoma Medicaid Health Care Options Act; clarifying statutory reference; requiring submission of certain proposal to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options System; requiring Oklahoma Health Care Authority to apply for waiver to expand the State Medicaid Program to include certain persons under certain circumstances; and providing an 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:

A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall submit for review by the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options System a proposal to offer coverage under the State Medicaid Program on a sliding fee scale basis to persons who have been uninsured for the six (6) months immediately preceding their date of application, and whose incomes fall below three hundred percent (300%) of the federal poverty level.

B. If necessary, and upon approval of the Committee, the Authority shall submit an application for a waiver to the federal Health Care Financing Administration to implement the proposal.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

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