

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2870

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An Act relating to the State Department of Health; directing the preparation and submission of certain state plan related to critical access hospitals; directing consultation with certain parties; giving authority to Commissioner of Health and certain State Department of Health staff to obtain certain copies and review records; prohibiting public disclosure; repealing 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-709, which relates to certain confidential information; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-706.6 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The State Department of Health shall prepare and submit a rural health care plan for the designation of critical access hospitals in accordance with the requirements of the federal Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program.

B. The Department shall ensure that preparation of the plan is completed in consultation with the State Office of Rural Health, the state hospital association, rural hospitals, and the Legislative and Executive branches of the state, as well as representatives of medical or health care organizations within the state, as appropriate.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-705a of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

To assure compliance with licensing standards and address public health issues, the Commissioner of Health and authorized State Department of Health staff shall be able to obtain copies and review any patient and facility record of any hospital or related institution. If the Department obtains copies of medical records, individual patient names shall be confidential and shall not be publicly disclosed.

SECTION 3. REPEALER 63 O.S. 1991, Section 1-709, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. 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.

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