

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 873

By: Helton of the Senate

and

Glover of the House

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An Act relating to employee benefits; requiring State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board to pay certain out-of-state hospitals for services provided; requiring Board to provide coverage for certain side effects; providing notice to insureds and enrollees; providing for promulgation of rules; requiring plans offered by Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council to provide coverage for certain side effects; providing notice to insureds and enrollees; providing for promulgation of rules; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 1307.3 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Unless the Board has otherwise contracted with an out-of-state hospital, the Board shall pay for medical services and treatment rendered by an out-of-state hospital at the same level paid to an in-state hospital if the insured employee was referred to the out-of-state hospital by a physician and the out-of-state hospital is the closest hospital in proximity to the place of residence of the employee.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1324 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. All health benefit plans that are offered by the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall provide coverage

for side effects that are commonly associated with radical retropubic prostatectomy surgery, including, but not limited to impotence and incontinence, and for other prostate related conditions.

B. The Board shall provide notice to each insured or enrollee under such plan regarding the coverage required by this section in the plan's evidence of coverage, and shall provide additional written notice of the coverage to the insured or enrollee as follows:

1. In the next mailing made by the plan to the employee; or
2. As part of the enrollment information packet sent to the enrollee.

C. The Board shall promulgate any rules or actions necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1373 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. All health benefit plans that are offered by the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council shall provide coverage for side effects that are commonly associated with radical retropubic prostatectomy surgery, including, but not limited to impotence and incontinence, and for other prostate related conditions.

B. The Council shall provide notice to each insured or enrollee under such plan regarding the coverage required by this section in the plan's evidence of coverage, and shall provide additional written notice of the coverage to the insured or enrollee as follows:

1. In the next mailing made by the plan to the employee; or
2. As part of the enrollment information packet sent to the enrollee.

C. The Council shall promulgate any rules or actions necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

SECTION 5. 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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