

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1916

By: Erwin

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending Section 11, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1996 (63 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 5013), which relates to the Health Care Authority duties for health care access information; requiring the authority to submit a certain plan; providing for the creation of a Rural Health Care Advisory Committee; stating duties of committee; providing for membership of the committee; requiring the authority to consider recommendations of the committee; providing for compensation; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 11, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 355, O.S.L. 1996 (63 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 5013), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5013. A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall serve as a resource for information on state-purchased and state-subsidized health care access, cost containment and related health issues, and shall:

1. Provide data and information required by the Governor, the Legislature, or its committees, and to state agencies, institutions

of higher education and cities, towns, counties and school districts and to private citizens and groups, within the limitations of the resources available to the Authority;

2. Participate with any state agency or institution of higher education in developing specific goals, programs, and performance monitoring systems to assist in the development of health care delivery in this state;

3. Conduct or contract for studies which are related to health care delivery, involving product or process innovation; and

4. Prepare, publish and distribute such studies, reports, bulletins and other materials as it considers appropriate regarding health care studies and other relevant health care topics. ~~Provided that~~ a copy of any material which evaluates health plans or health care providers shall be provided to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate at least sixty (60) days prior to public dissemination.

B. On or before January 1, 1998, the Authority shall submit a plan to the Governor and the Legislature regarding a separate or new contract for the delivery of health care services to rural Oklahoma. The Authority shall create a Rural Health Care Advisory Committee for the purpose of making recommendations and proposals on the delivery of health care services to rural Oklahoma and assisting the Authority in the development of the new or revised contract. The Committee shall be composed of at least one physician and one medical facility administrator from each of the four quadrants of the state. Members shall be selected from lists of recommendations submitted by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor. The Authority shall give due consideration to the comments and recommendations of the Advisory Committee in the development of the plan. Members of the Committee shall not receive compensation for their services, but

shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to the provisions
of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 1997.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1997.

President of the Senate