

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2347

By: Gray, Benson, McCarter,
Adair, Culver, Erwin,
Fields, Mass, Roach and
Satterfield of the House

and

Brown of the Senate

(public health and safety - Oklahoma Old Age Assistance
Program - codification - effective date)

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 5009.3 of Title 63, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Old Age Assistance Program shall be expanded to
provide eight prescription medications for persons who qualify for
Old Age Assistance.

B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall provide three
prescription medications for persons who qualify for the Qualified
Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program.

C. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall provide one
prescription medication for persons who qualify for the Special Low-
Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLIMB) Program.

D. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is hereby directed to
reduce amounts spent on other programs it administers by the amount
necessary to pay for these increased medication costs initially and
to conduct a study to see if Medicaid dollars are saved with this

law by allowing more prescriptions at home, thus eliminating the incentive to enter a nursing home prematurely just to have more prescriptions paid through Medicaid.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of February, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate