

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2808

By: Adkins of the House

and

Easley of the Senate

( health insurance - prohibiting certain waivers of co-  
payments - 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 4505.1 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. No individual or group health insurance or health-benefit-plan agreement, contract, or policy, including any indemnity plan, not-for-profit hospital or medical service or indemnity contract, prepaid or managed care plan or provider arrangement, and Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA) or employer self-insured plan, except as exempt under federal ERISA provisions, that is offered, issued, or renewed on or after the effective date of this act shall prohibit or sanction or otherwise discipline a physician for waiving all or that portion of a co-payment that represents payment or reimbursement to the physician for services provided to a patient, when the waiver is made for charitable purposes.

B. No physician shall advertise or use for marketing purposes the waiver of co-payments. Violations of this provision shall be subject to disciplinary action by the appropriate licensure board.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of February,  
1998.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998.

President of the Senate