

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2911

By: Hamilton and Askins of
the House

and

Rozell of the Senate

(Oklahoma Health Care Authority - amending 63 O.S.,
Section 5006 - duties and personnel - effective date -
emergency)

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 332, O.S.L.
1993, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 204, O.S.L. 1995 (63 O.S.
Supp. 1997, Section 5006), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5006. A. There is ~~hereby~~ created the Oklahoma Health
Care Authority. The Authority shall have the power and duty to:

1. Purchase health care benefits for state and education
employees and Medicaid recipients, and others who are dependent on
the state for necessary medical care, as specifically authorized by
law;

2. Develop state and education employee health care plans as
authorized by Section 5011 of this title;

3. Enter into contracts for the delivery of state-purchased
health care and establish standards and criteria which must be met
by entities to be eligible to contract with the Authority for the
delivery of state-purchased health care;

4. Develop a proposed standard basic health care benefits package or packages to be offered by health services providers, for state and education employees and Medicaid recipients;

5. Study all matters connected with the provision of state-purchased and state-subsidized health care coverage;

6. Develop and submit plans, reports and proposals, provide information and analyze areas of public and private health care interaction pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act;

7. Serve as a resource for information on state-purchased and state-subsidized health care access, cost containment and related health issues;

8. Administer programs and enforce laws placed under the jurisdiction of the Authority pursuant to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act, and such other duties as prescribed by law;

9. Collaborate with and assist the Insurance Commissioner in the development of a Uniform Claim Processing System for use by third-party payors and health care providers;

10. Collaborate with and assist the State Department of Health with the development of licensure standards and criteria for pre-paid health plans; and

11. Exercise all incidental powers which are necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act.

B. All positions within the Authority shall be unclassified until approval of the annual business and personnel plan submitted by January 1, 1995, by the Governor and the Legislature. In the annual business plan submitted January 1, 1995, the Board shall include a personnel plan which shall list, describe and justify all unclassified positions within the Authority and their compensation. All other employees and positions shall be classified and subject to

the provisions of the Merit System of Personnel Administration as provided in the Oklahoma Personnel Act.

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

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of February, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate