

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3292

By: Mitchell and McCarter of
the House

and

Monson of the Senate

(Oklahoma Health Care Authority - insurance program
proposal - expenditure of federal funds - noncodification
- codification - emergency)

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

SECTION 1. The Legislature finds that there are approximately six hundred fifty thousand (650,000) uninsured citizens in Oklahoma. The Legislature further finds there are one hundred forty-two thousand (142,000) uninsured children in Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1011.1 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is directed to develop an insurance program proposal for submittal to the federal government for low-income children who have no health insurance or health benefit coverage and whose family income falls below one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The proposal shall:

1. Cover children through age eighteen (18) years; and
2. Use State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) Title

XXI Funds.

The Authority is directed to submit the proposal to the Legislature for approval before July 15, 1998.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1011.2 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is hereby directed to develop an insurance program proposal for submittal to the federal government for working families whose family income is between one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) and two hundred percent (200%) of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The proposal shall:

1. Be funded with Title XXI Funds;
2. Require the family to pay a cost-sharing premium; and
3. Be such that the cost to cover a family shall be no more than the cost to cover the individual children in a family.

The Authority is further directed to submit the proposal to the Legislature for approval before November 15, 1998.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1011.3 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall submit a proposal to the Legislature for approval prior to the expenditure of any Title XXI funds for the purchase of health care services.

B. The Authority is prohibited from spending Title XXI funds without the approval of the Legislature.

SECTION 5. NONCODIFICATION Section 1 of this act shall not be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 6. 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 9th day of March, 1998.

Speaker

of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President

of the Senate