

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 3292

By: Mitchell and McCarter of
the House

and

Monson of the Senate

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 421, O.S.L. 1997 (56 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1010.1), which relates to coverage under the state Medicaid program; requiring coverage to be expanded by certain date; requiring submission of an amendment to the State Child Health Plan for specific purpose; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 421, O.S.L. 1997 (56 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 1010.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1010.1 A. Sections 1010.1 through 1010.7 of this title shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options Act".

B. In order to establish a coordinated approach to delivering and monitoring health care services and to ensure an efficient and appropriate level of quality health care services to eligible persons requiring such services, there is hereby established a statewide managed care system of comprehensive health care delivery through the Oklahoma Medicaid Program, which shall include, but not be limited to, prepaid capitated plans and primary case management plans, and which shall be offered in all geographic areas of the state.

C. 1. Effective December 1, 1997, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall provide coverage under the state Medicaid program to children under the age of six (6) years whose family incomes do not exceed one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level. ~~The~~

2. Effective October 1, 1998, the Authority shall ~~further~~ provide coverage under the state Medicaid program to all children age ~~six (6)~~ eighteen (18) years or ~~older~~ younger, whose family incomes do not exceed one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level, ~~who are required to be covered at one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level pursuant to federal requirements.~~

3. The Authority shall submit an amendment to the Oklahoma State Child Health Plan under Title XXI of the federal Social Security Act to the federal Health Care Financing Administration. Such amendment shall allow the Authority, in expanding coverage, to access federal Title XXI funds for those children who meet Title XXI eligibility requirements.

D. 1. The Authority shall establish a cost-sharing option for providing coverage under the state Medicaid program to low income

families who do not receive cash assistance and whose incomes do not exceed two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level. Such option shall incorporate purchase of premiums on the basis of a sliding fee scale, provided that children and pregnant women who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid services shall not be required to purchase such premiums.

2. The Authority shall promulgate rules for establishing the cost-sharing option and the sliding fee scale pursuant to the provisions of this subsection.

3. The Authority shall implement such cost-sharing option on or before December 1, 1998.

E. The Authority shall promulgate rules establishing the amount of premium to be paid in areas of the state where services under the state Medicaid program are provided on a fee-for-service basis.

F. The Authority shall submit to the federal Health Care Financing Administration, on or before October 1, 1997, an application for any waivers required to amend the state Medicaid plan to enact the provisions of this section.

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

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

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 26th day of May, 1998.

President of the Senate