

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1054

By: Newport

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health; authorizing reimbursement to law enforcement officials from Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for transportation of persons receiving mental health services; providing for promulgation of rules; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an 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 1-110 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Law enforcement officials shall be entitled to reimbursement from the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for transportation services associated with persons requiring mental health treatment, examination, emergency detention, protective custody, and inpatient services. Any transportation provided by a law enforcement official to or from any facility for the purpose of examination, admission, interfacility transfer, discharge, medical treatment, court appearance, mental health service, or placement of a person shall be reimbursed as follows:

1. A fee for the cost of personal services at the rate of Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per hour; and

2. Mileage reimbursement for each mile actually traveled at the rate authorized by the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

B. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall promulgate rules regarding the reimbursement of transportation cost claims submitted by law enforcement officials. Reimbursement payments shall be made within sixty (60) days of submission and any reimbursements made to a sheriff's office shall be deposited into the sheriff's service fee account.

C. For purposes of this section, "law enforcement official" means any sheriff, deputy sheriff, or commissioned peace officer employed by a municipality.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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