

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1153

By: Cox

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 3, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 69, O.S.L. 1995 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 241.1), which relates to the electronic benefit identificational program; expanding uses of program to additional benefits; requiring cooperation; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 69, O.S.L. 1995 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 241.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 241.1 A. The Department of Human Services shall develop an electronic benefit identification program, ~~as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture,~~ to expediently and accurately determine the eligibility of and the extent or limit of benefits of clients, and to serve providers and other persons providing consumer-related goods to recipients of food stamps, cash assistance, child care benefits, aged, blind and disabled benefits, health care services, and other assistance programs.

B. 1. The electronic benefit identification program for recipients of food stamps, cash assistance, child care benefits, aged, blind and disabled benefits, health care services, and other assistance may be implemented on a staggered basis.

2. To provide for the implementation of the electronic benefit identification program, and as determined necessary by the Department for such implementation in compliance with federal law, the time of issuance of benefits for recipients of food stamps, cash assistance, child care benefits, aged, blind and disabled benefits, health care services, and other assistance programs may be modified or adjusted to provide for issuance of benefits on a staggered basis, provided recipients shall be notified, in writing, at least three (3) months prior to any modification or adjustment of the time of issuance of benefits.

C. The electronic benefit identification program shall be implemented upon the awarding of a contract to a vendor selected by competitive bid to do business with the State of Oklahoma.

D. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall coordinate with the Department so that all health care services shall be available through the electronic benefit identification program.

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

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