

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2347

By: Gray

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety;

expanding the Oklahoma Old Age Assistance Program;
increasing and providing prescription medications
for certain persons; requiring the Oklahoma Health
Care Authority to reduce certain amounts spent on
certain other programs; 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 5009.3 of Title 63, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Old Age Assistance Program shall be expanded to
provide eight prescription medications for persons who qualify for
Old Age Assistance.

B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall provide three
prescription medications for persons who qualify for the Qualified
Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program.

C. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall provide one
prescription medication for persons who qualify for the Special Low-
Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLIMB) Program.

D. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is hereby directed to reduce amounts spent on other programs it administers by the amount necessary to pay for these increased medication costs initially and to conduct a study to see if Medicaid dollars are saved with this law by allowing more prescriptions at home, thus eliminating the incentive to enter a nursing home prematurely just to have more prescriptions paid through Medicaid.

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

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