
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2808

By: Adkins

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health insurance; prohibiting individual and group health insurance and health benefit plans from prohibiting certain waivers of co-payments made by physicians for certain purposes; 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 4505.1 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

No individual or group health insurance or health-benefit-plan agreement, contract, or policy, including any indemnity plan, not-for-profit hospital or medical service or indemnity contract, prepaid or managed care plan or provider arrangement, and Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA) or employer self-insured plan, except as exempt under federal ERISA provisions, that is offered, issued, or renewed on or after the effective date of this act shall prohibit or sanction or otherwise discipline a physician for waiving all or that portion of a co-payment that represents payment or reimbursement to the physician for services provided to a patient, when the waiver is made for charitable purposes or the physician

reasonably believes that the patient could not otherwise afford the services.

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

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