

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 3183

By: Cox

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 1991, Section 6051, which relates to freedom of choice for vision care; clarifying statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 1991, Section 6051, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6051. Notwithstanding any provision of any individual or group policy, contract, plan or agreement of accident ~~and/or~~ or health insurance or any provisions of a policy, contract, plan or agreement for hospital or medical service or indemnity, whenever such policy, contract, plan or agreement provides for reimbursement for any visual or optometric service which is within the lawful scope of practice of a duly licensed optometrist, the person entitled to benefits, or person performing services, under such policy, contract, plan or agreement shall be entitled to reimbursement on an equal basis for such service, whether the said service is performed by a physician licensed under 59 O.S. 1961, Sections 481 through 518, inclusive, or by an optometrist licensed under 59 O.S. 1961, Sections 581 through 606, inclusive. Optometric

services shall include eye and/or visual examination or a correction of any vision or muscular anomaly and the supplying of ophthalmic materials, including contact lenses and subnormal vision aids. Unless such policy, contract, plan or agreement shall otherwise provide, there shall be no reimbursement for ophthalmic materials, lenses, contact lenses, spectacles, eyeglasses, ~~and/or~~ and appurtenances thereto.

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

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