

SHORT TITLE: Poor persons; application for assistance; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 401

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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 56 O.S. 1991, Section 166, which relates to application for assistance; providing development and prescribing of single application for certain programs; requiring promulgation of rules governing outstationing of eligibility determination workers; allowing promulgation of rules regarding training of certain persons in certain procedures; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 1991, Section 166, is amended to read as follows:

Section 166. A. Application for assistance under Section 161 et seq. of this act title shall be made to the county department of the county in which the applicant resides. The application shall be in writing, signed by the applicant or legal guardian and shall be in a manner and upon ~~the~~ a form prescribed by the ~~State~~ Department of Human Services.

B. The Department shall, in consultation with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, design and prescribe a single application form for use by applicants for assistance under the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, state Medicaid and food stamp programs.

C. The Commission for Human Services shall promulgate rules governing outstationing of eligibility determination workers in facilities such as community health centers and community-based health care providers. The Commission may also promulgate rules regarding procedures for training existing personnel within such facilities in eligibility determination procedures.

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

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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