

SHORT TITLE: Poor persons; creation of an option to provide coverage to certain children under the state Medicaid plan; requiring certain application by certain date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 478

By: Monson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1993 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1010.1), which relates to the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options Act; providing for creation of an option to provide coverage for certain children under the state Medicaid plan under certain guidelines; requiring submission of application for a waiver by certain date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1993 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 1010.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1010.1 A. ~~Sections 1 through 7 of this~~ This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options Act".

B. In order to establish a coordinated approach to delivering and monitoring health care services and to ensure an efficient and appropriate level of quality health care services to eligible persons requiring such services, ~~it there is the purpose of the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options Act, Section 1010.1 et seq. of this title, to establish~~ hereby established a statewide managed care system of comprehensive health care delivery through the Oklahoma

Medicaid Program ~~including~~, which shall include, but not be limited to, prepaid capitated plans and primary case management plans, and which shall be offered ~~to~~ in all geographic areas of the state.

C. 1. In designing the state Medicaid plan, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall include an option for covering children under the age of eighteen (18) years who do not receive cash assistance, and whose family incomes do not exceed two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level under a buy-in option, which incorporates purchase of premiums on a sliding fee scale basis; provided, the amount of such premium shall not exceed thirty percent (30%) of the actual cost of the premium.

2. The Authority shall submit an application for a waiver to amend the state Medicaid plan to the federal Health Care Financing Administration in order to enact the provisions of paragraph 1 of this subsection not later than November 1, 1997.

SECTION 2. 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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