

SHORT TITLE: Poor persons; child care assistance; expansion of services; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 531

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 6, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 1995 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 230.6), which relates to child care assistance; providing for revision of applicable rules and standards regarding child care services for certain children; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 6, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 1995 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 230.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 230.6 A. The Department of Human Services, in accordance with the terms and conditions of a waiver granted by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, shall conduct a demonstration project to revise applicable standards and rules which will allow a recipient of assistance under the Medicaid and ~~Aid~~ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ~~with Dependent Children~~ ~~(AFDC)~~ (TANF) programs, who becomes employed, to continue to receive transitional Medicaid and child care assistance for twenty-four (24) months following the initial date of employment unless:

1. The employer provides medical assistance or child care benefits; or

2. The monthly salary received from the employer exceeds the monthly allowance of assistance pursuant to the ~~AFDC~~ TANF program plus the cost of child care and medical insurance to which the recipient would be entitled.

B. The Commission for Human Services shall revise applicable standards and rules to allow ~~an AFDC~~ a TANF recipient, who becomes employed, to receive case management and transitional support services, pursuant to the Family Support Act of 1988, for a period of ninety (90) days. Such services shall include, but not be limited to, transportation assistance, ensuring that the family receives transitional Medicaid and child care, ensuring that the family is familiar with and applies for the Earned Income Tax Credit, and assistance with any other problems which emerge in the initial months of employment.

C. The Commission shall revise applicable standards and rules to allow a TANF recipient with children between the ages of thirteen (13) and eighteen (18) years to receive child care assistance for such children.

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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