

SHORT TITLE: Oklahoma Welfare Self Sufficiency Initiative; updating language; clarifying statutory reference; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 55

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Welfare Self

Sufficiency Initiative; amending Section 6, Chapter 346, O.S.L. 1995 (56 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 230.6), which relates to transitional Medicaid, child care assistance and support services; updating language; clarifying statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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 to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC)~~ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (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.

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

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