

SHORT TITLE: Public health and safety; Oklahoma Old Age Assistance Program; increasing medications; codification; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE BILL NO. 822

By: Milacek

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety;

expanding the Oklahoma Old Age Assistance Program;
increasing and providing prescription medications
for certain persons; requiring Oklahoma Health Care
Authority to provide certain prescription
medications, to reduce amounts spent on certain
programs and to conduct certain study; providing
for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5009.3 of Title 63, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Old Age Assistance Program shall be expanded to
provide eight prescription medications for persons who qualify for
Old Age Assistance.

B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall provide:

1. Three prescription medications for persons who qualify for
the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program; and

2. One prescription medication for persons who qualify for the
Selected Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program.

C. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is hereby directed to
reduce amounts spent on other programs administered by the Authority
by the amount necessary to pay for the initial increase in

medication costs associated with the enactment of the provisions of this section. The Authority is further directed to conduct a study on the effect of the provisions of this act on premature entry into nursing homes in order to qualify for coverage of prescriptions under Medicaid.

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

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