

SHORT TITLE: Health care; removing restriction on use of savings.
Effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 843

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to Health Care; amending Section 9, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 1994 (63 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 5011), which relates to the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council; removing restriction on use of savings for certain purposes; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 9, Chapter 332, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 1994 (63 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 5011), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5011. A. Effective July 1, 1994, the duties, powers and responsibilities of the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council that relate to the purchase of health care benefits shall be made under the direction and with the approval of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

B. The Authority shall develop state and education employee health care benefit plans as provided by this section. In developing these plans, the Authority shall consider the following elements:

1. Methods of maximizing cost containment while ensuring access to quality health care;

2. Development of provider arrangements that encourage cost containment and ensure access to quality care, including, but not limited to, prepaid delivery systems and prospective payment methods;

3. Utilization review procedures including, but not limited to:

- a. prior authorization of services,
- b. hospital inpatient length of stay reviews,
- c. requirements for use of outpatient surgeries,
- d. requirements for second opinions for surgeries,
- e. review of invoices or claims submitted by health services providers, and
- f. performance audits of providers; and

4. Effective coordination of health care benefits.

C. Effective January, 1996, and each January thereafter, the administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall publish and distribute to each school district in this state that so requests a description of health care benefit plans available through the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the estimated cost of such plans if school district employees were enrolled.

D. The Authority shall:

1. Require utilization review and financial data review from participating entities which contract with the Authority for state-purchased and state-subsidized health care on a quarterly basis;

2. Centralize enrollment files for all persons covered by state-purchased and state-subsidized health care benefit plans;

3. Develop enrollment demographics on a plan-specific basis;
and

4. Establish methods for collecting, analyzing, and disseminating information on the cost and quality of services

rendered by health care providers to all persons covered by such plans.

E. The administrator may require that any entity that contracts for the delivery of services pursuant to a state-purchased or state-subsidized health care benefit plan administered by the Authority shall provide to said administrator all information deemed necessary to fulfill the administrator's duties as set forth in the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act, ~~Section 5003 et seq. of this title.~~ All data related to claims and produced pursuant to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act shall be the property of this state.

~~F. Any savings realized pursuant to this section and Section 5009 of this title shall not be used to increase benefits unless such use is authorized by law.~~

~~G.~~ F. On and after July 1, 1995, the Oklahoma Basic Health Benefits Board shall receive any funds appropriated for operations or duties imposed by law upon the ~~Oklahoma Basic Health Benefits~~ Board from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

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

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