

SHORT TITLE: Referrals by health maintenance organizations to
chiropractors; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 87

By: Leftwich

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2505, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 343, O.S.L. 1993 (63 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 2505), which relates to provisions of comprehensive health services; specifying method and conditions of provision of covered services with respect to chiropractic services; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2505, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 343, O.S.L. 1993 (63 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 2505), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2505. A. Health maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans shall provide comprehensive health services directly or by contract or agreement with other persons, corporations, institutions, associations, foundations or other legal entities, public or private, ~~the services required of it~~ in accordance with ~~this act~~ Section 2501 et seq. of this title and the laws governing such professions and services. With respect to chiropractic services, such covered services shall be provided on a referral basis within the network at the request of an enrollee who has a condition of an orthopedic or neurological nature if:

1. A referral is necessitated in the judgment of the primary care physician; and

2. Treatment for the condition falls within the licensed scope of practice of a chiropractic physician.

B. Such organizations and plans may contract or agree with other persons to provide actuarial, underwriting, marketing, billing, fiscal, and other services as may be required for the operation of a health maintenance organization or prepaid health plan.

C. Health maintenance organizations and prepaid health plans may contract to provide certain selected comprehensive health services for organizations or corporations which provide certain other comprehensive health services to their members or employees through alternative health care plans.

D. A health maintenance organization or prepaid health plan shall not engage in the practice of medicine or any other profession except as provided by law.

E. A health maintenance organization or prepaid health plan may adjust its prepaid premium to permit financial risk-sharing with other organizations or corporations which contract with the health maintenance organization or prepaid health plan to provide such selected services.

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

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