

SHORT TITLE: Public health and safety; ambulatory surgical centers;
modifying definition. Effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

SENATE BILL NO. 893

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2657, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 2657), which relates to ambulatory surgical centers; modifying definition; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2657, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 356, O.S.L. 1992 (63 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 2657), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2657. As used in Section 2657 et seq. of this act ~~act~~ title, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1. "Ambulatory surgical center" means ~~an~~ any public or private establishment with an organized medical staff of physicians, with permanent facilities that are equipped and operated primarily for the purpose of performing surgical procedures, and with continuous physician services ~~available on call~~, and registered professional nursing services ~~available on site~~, whenever a patient is in the facility, and which ~~provides~~ does not provide services or other accommodations for patients to ~~recover for a period not to exceed twenty-three (23) hours after surgery~~ stay overnight; provided, however, an ambulatory surgical center operating prior to the effective date of this act shall be exempt from the provisions of

this section. Provided further, that such center may be licensed if the center provides emergency room services on a twenty-four-hour basis to all patients regardless of the patient's ability to pay and annually furnishes written verification to the State Commissioner of Health that at least forty-five percent (45%) of its gross revenues are from Medicare, Medicaid, or both;

2. "Commissioner" means the State Commissioner of Health;

3. "Governmental unit" means any city, county or other political subdivision of this state, or any department, division, board or other agency of any political subdivision of this state; and

4. "Person" means any individual, firm, partnership, corporation, company or association and the legal successors thereof.

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

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