

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1054

6 By: Mitchell of the House

7 and

8 Monson of the Senate

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11 An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 1,
12 Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1993, as last amended by Section
13 1 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 495 of the 1st Session
14 of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to
15 the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options Act;
16 increasing certain program coverage; deleting
17 conflicting out-of-date language; clarifying
18 reimbursement requirements; and declaring an
19 emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L.
22 1993, as last amended by Section 1 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 495
23 of the 1st Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature, is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 Section 1010.1 A. Sections 1010.1 through 1010.7 of this title
26 shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare
27 Options Act".

28 B. In order to establish a coordinated approach to delivering
29 and monitoring health care services and to ensure an efficient and
30 appropriate level of quality health care services to eligible
31 persons requiring such services, there is hereby established a
32 statewide managed care system of comprehensive health care delivery
through the Oklahoma Medicaid Program, which shall include, but not
be limited to, prepaid capitated plans and primary case management

1 plans, and which shall be offered in all geographic areas of the
2 state.

3 C. ~~Effective December 1, 1997, the~~ The Oklahoma Health Care
4 Authority shall provide coverage under the state Medicaid program to
5 children under the age of ~~six (6)~~ eighteen (18) years whose family
6 incomes do not exceed one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the
7 federal poverty level. ~~The Authority shall further provide coverage~~
8 ~~under the state Medicaid program to all children age six (6) years~~
9 ~~or older, whose family incomes do not exceed one hundred eighty-five~~
10 ~~percent (185%) of the federal poverty level, and who are required to~~
11 ~~be covered at one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty~~
12 ~~level pursuant to federal requirements.~~

13 D. 1. There is hereby created to continue until February 1,
14 2000, the Joint Legislative Task Force on Expansion of Health
15 Insurance Coverage. The Task Force shall be composed of ten (10)
16 members as follows:

17 a. five senators appointed by the President Pro Tempore
18 of the Senate, one of whom shall be appointed to serve
19 as co-chair of the Task Force, and

20 b. five representatives appointed by the Speaker of the
21 House of Representatives, one of whom shall be
22 appointed to serve as co-chair of the Task Force.

23 2. a. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
24 authority. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be
25 filled by the original appointing authority.

26 b. The co-chairs of the Task Force shall convene the
27 first meeting of the Task Force on or before September
28 15, 1999. A majority of the members present at a
29 meeting shall constitute a quorum.

30 c. Members shall not be compensated for their service but
31 shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities
32 for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of

1 their duties pursuant to the provisions of ~~the State~~
2 ~~Travel Reimbursement Act~~ Section 456 of Title 74 of
3 the Oklahoma Statutes.

4 3. The Task Force may solicit advice and participation from
5 interested parties, including, but not limited to, uninsured
6 families, advocates, health care providers, health insurance
7 providers, and business representatives.

8 4. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the State Department of
9 Health, the Insurance Commissioner, the State Employee Benefits
10 Council, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
11 Services and other state agencies shall assist with the work of the
12 Task Force as necessary.

13 5. The Task Force shall be staffed by the legislative staffs of
14 the Oklahoma State Senate and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

15 E. 1. The Task Force shall develop recommendations for
16 providing health insurance coverage for uninsured individuals and
17 families who are not currently eligible for the state Medicaid
18 program and whose incomes do not exceed two hundred fifty percent
19 (250%) of the federal poverty level.

20 2. Such recommendations shall include options for:

- 21 a. providing coverage under the state Medicaid program,
- 22 b. operating a private insurance program administered by
23 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority or other
24 appropriate state agency,
- 25 c. providing private coverage under private health
26 insurance plans, and
- 27 d. other approaches as determined by the Task Force.

28 3. In developing such options, the Task Force may review
29 strategies that:

- 30 a. utilize monies received by this state, pursuant to the
31 provisions of Chapter 2 of Section J of Public Law
32 105-33, the State Children's Health Insurance Program,

1 to contract with a private health insurer for a
2 program for children up to eighteen (18) years of age
3 in families with incomes between one hundred eighty-
4 five percent (185%) and two hundred percent (200%) of
5 the federal poverty level, and

6 b. optimize continuity of children's and families' health
7 care coverage.

8 4. Such options shall provide for payment of premiums on a
9 sliding fee scale.

10 5. Options presented by the Task Force shall address ways to
11 access federal Title XXI funds under the State Children's Health
12 Insurance Program for eligible participants.

13 6. The Task Force shall submit a report of its recommendation
14 to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives on or before February 1, 2000.

16 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
17 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
18 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
19 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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