

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR  
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1664

By: Cox

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8 An Act relating to insurance; amending Section 1,  
9 Chapter 66, O.S.L. 1998 (36 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section  
10 6060.6), which relates to coverage of dental  
11 procedures for certain minors and severely disabled  
12 persons; modifying coverage for certain physician  
13 expenses; providing an effective date; and declaring  
14 an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 66, O.S.L. 1998  
17 (36 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 6060.6), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 6060.6 A. Any health benefit plan that is offered,  
19 issued or renewed in this state on or after January 1, 1999, that  
20 provides hospitalization benefits shall provide coverage for  
21 anesthesia expenses including physician expenses for the  
22 administration of the anesthesia, and hospital and ambulatory  
23 surgical center expenses, ~~and physician expenses~~ associated with any  
24 medically necessary dental procedure when provided to a covered  
25 person who is:

26 1. Severely disabled; or

27 2. A minor eight (8) years of age or under,

28 and who has a medical or emotional condition which requires  
29 hospitalization or general anesthesia for dental care.

30 B. A health benefit plan may require prior authorization for  
31 either inpatient or outpatient hospitalization for dental care in  
32 the same manner that prior authorization is required for  
hospitalization for other covered diseases or conditions.

1 C. Coverage provided for in subsection A of this section shall  
2 be subject to the same annual deductibles, copayments or coinsurance  
3 limits as established for all other covered benefits under the  
4 health benefit plan.

5 D. As used in this section, "health benefit plan" means any  
6 plan or arrangement as defined in subsection C of Section 6060.4 of  
7 Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

9 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
10 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
11 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
12 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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