

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1767

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8 (Public health - Telemedicine Service Programs -
9 codification - effective date -

10 emergency)

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2703 of Title 63, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. Contingent upon the provision of appropriated funds
19 designated for Telemedicine Services Programs, the State Department
20 of Health is authorized to award one or more grants to those public
21 hospitals or health care facilities which are participants in the
22 State Telemedicine Network and are actively using the network for
23 teleradiology or other medical applicants to use for programs which
24 deliver medical and other health care services through a
25 telemedicine system. The goal of the grant program shall be to
26 assist in the development of telemedicine programs which in turn
27 have the effect of:

- 28 1. Empowering rural health facilities;
- 29 2. Expanding the range of services to rural areas;
- 30 3. Providing greater access to patients in rural areas;
- 31 4. Reducing the number of patient transfers to urban areas;
- 32 5. Enhancing rural economic development; and

1 6. Reducing the costs of medical care.

2 B. Funding may cover the cost of equipment, software, or the
3 connection costs of either upstream or downstream users.

4 C. All grants shall be matched with funds from the grant
5 recipient or in-kind contributions.

6 D. In order to be eligible for a grant, the program shall:

7 1. State clear and measurable program goals and objectives;

8 2. Provide verifiable data on how the program is meeting its
9 stated goals and objectives; and

10 3. Include an evaluation component including an annual written
11 self-evaluation.

12 E. The State Department of Health shall promulgate rules as
13 necessary to administer the Telemedicine Service Program grants and
14 the process by which the grant funding shall be allocated.

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

16 SECTION 3. 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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