

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 SENATE BILL NO. 495

By: Monson of the Senate

and

Mitchell of the House

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 (Poor persons - Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options
12 Act - Task Force -
13 emergency)

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

19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L.
20 1993, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 421, O.S.L. 1997 (56 O.S.
21 Supp. 1998, Section 1010.1), is amended to read as follows:

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

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

3 C. Effective December 1, 1997, the Oklahoma Health Care
4 Authority shall provide coverage under the state Medicaid program to
5 children under the age of six (6) years whose family incomes do not
6 exceed one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty
7 level. The Authority shall further provide coverage under the state
8 Medicaid program to all children age six (6) years or older, whose
9 family incomes do not exceed one hundred eighty-five percent (185%)
10 of the federal poverty level, who are required to be covered at one
11 hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty level pursuant to
12 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 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 vice-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 chair of the Task Force shall convene the first
27 meeting on or before July 1, 2000. A majority of the
28 members present at a meeting shall constitute a
29 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.

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

7 4. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the State Department of
8 Health, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services
9 and other state agencies shall assist as necessary the work of the
10 Task Force.

11 5. The Task Force shall be staffed by the legislative staff of
12 the Senate and the House of Representatives.

13 ~~The Authority shall establish a cost-sharing option E. 1. The~~
14 ~~Task Force shall develop recommendations for providing health~~
15 ~~insurance coverage under the state Medicaid program to low income~~
16 ~~families who do not receive cash assistance for uninsured low-income~~
17 ~~individuals and families who are not currently eligible for the~~
18 ~~state Medicaid program and whose incomes do not exceed two hundred~~
19 ~~fifty percent (250%) of the federal poverty level.~~

20 ~~2. Such option shall incorporate purchase of premiums on the~~
21 ~~basis of a sliding fee scale, provided that children and pregnant~~
22 ~~women who are otherwise eligible for Medicaid services shall not be~~
23 ~~required to purchase such premiums.~~

24 ~~2. The Authority shall promulgate rules for establishing the~~
25 ~~cost-sharing option and the sliding fee scale pursuant to the~~
26 ~~provisions of this subsection.~~

27 ~~3. The Authority shall implement such cost-sharing option on or~~
28 ~~before December 1, 1998.~~

29 ~~E. The Authority shall promulgate rules establishing the amount~~
30 ~~of premium to be paid in areas of the state where services under the~~
31 ~~state Medicaid program are provided on a fee-for-service basis.~~

1 ~~F. The Authority shall submit to the federal Health Care~~
2 ~~Financing Administration, on or before October 1, 1997, an~~
3 ~~application for any waivers required to amend the state Medicaid~~
4 ~~plan to enact the provisions of this section recommendations shall~~
5 ~~include options for:~~

- 6 a. providing coverage under the state Medicaid program,
- 7 b. operating a private insurance program administered by
8 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority,
- 9 c. providing private coverage under private health
10 insurance plans, and
- 11 d. other approaches as determined by the Task Force.

12 3. In developing such options, the Task Force may review
13 strategies that:

- 14 a. utilize monies received by this state pursuant to the
15 provisions of Chapter 2 of Section J of Public Law 105-
16 33, the State Children's Health Insurance Program, to
17 contract with a private health insurer for a program
18 for children up to eighteen (18) years of age in
19 families with income between one hundred eighty-five
20 percent (185%) and two hundred percent (200%) of the
21 federal poverty level, and
- 22 b. optimize continuity of children's health care through a
23 contract, if possible, with a private health carrier
24 that participates in SoonerCare and offers eligible
25 children a broad-based, statewide preferred provider
26 network.

27 4. Such options may be based on a sliding fee scale for payment
28 of premiums. Options presented by the Task Force shall consider
29 ways to access federal Title XXI funds under the State Children's
30 Health Insurance Program for eligible participants.

31 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
32 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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