STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 1588

By: Monson of the Senate

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An Act relating to public health and safety; creating the Health Maintenance Organization Advisory Council; providing for duty and authority of the Council; providing for composition, terms, officers, meetings, compensation, staff support and meeting space of the Council; defining term; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2575.1 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created within the State Department of Health a Health Maintenance Organization Advisory Council to advise the State Commissioner of Health and the State Board of Health regarding health maintenance organization operations and to recommend actions to improve health care provided through health maintenance organizations. The Advisory Council shall have the duty and authority to:

1. Review and approve in its advisory capacity all rules and standards for licensure and certification of health maintenance organizations;

2. Evaluate, review and make recommendations regarding licensure and certification activities of the State Department of Health; and

3. Recommend and approve quality indicators and data submission requirements used by the State Department of Health to monitor compliance with licensure requirements and to publish periodic reports of health maintenance organization performance.

B. The Council shall be composed of thirteen (13) members, as follows:

1. Three members representing licensed or certified health maintenance organization plans, two of whom shall be physicians licensed pursuant to the provisions of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, appointed by the Commissioner;

2. Two members who contract as participating providers with health maintenance organizations, one of whom shall be a medical doctor and one of whom shall be a doctor of osteopathy, appointed by the Commissioner from a list of names supplied by the Oklahoma State Medical Association and the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association;

3. One member who shall be an administrator of a hospital that contracts as a participating provider with a health maintenance organization, appointed by the Commissioner;

4. Two members representing employers who purchase services from health maintenance organizations, appointed by the Governor;

5. Three members who shall be consumers of health maintenance organization services, appointed by the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

6. One member representing the Insurance Department, designated by the Insurance Commissioner; and

7. One member representing the Oklahoma Board of Nursing, designated by the chairperson of the Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

C. The initial terms of four of the members representing the Insurance Department, the Board of Nursing, consumers, and contracting physicians shall each be one (1) year. The initial terms of four of the members representing health maintenance

organizations, contracting physicians, employers and hospitals shall each be two (2) years. The initial terms of the remaining members shall each be three (3) years. Thereafter, the terms of each member shall be three (3) years. A vacancy on the Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

D. The Council shall annually elect from among its members a chairperson and may elect such other officers as necessary. The Council shall meet at least quarterly and at such other times as necessary. Members shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by the State Department of Health pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. The Department shall provide the necessary staff support and meeting space for the Council.

E. When used in this section, the term "health maintenance organization" shall have the same meaning as the term defined in paragraph 4 of Section 2525.3 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2000.

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