

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 439

By: Monson of the Senate  
and  
Roberts of the House

An Act relating to employee benefits; requiring the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board to schedule reimbursement rate and methodology hearing; requiring the Board to provide notice of hearing; specifying when hearing will occur; providing certain information; allowing open forum; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 1325 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall schedule a hearing thirty (30) days prior to adopting any change of the reimbursement rates and methodology. The Board shall notify health care providers who provide services pursuant to a contract with the Board at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing. The notice shall include proposed changes to the reimbursement rates and methodology. The Board shall also inform such health care providers at the hearing of any proposed changes to the reimbursement rates and methodology. At the hearing the Board shall provide an open forum for such health care providers to comment on the proposed changes.

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

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

Passed the Senate the 1st day of March, 1999.

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President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
1999.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives