

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 69

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A Resolution encouraging the judicious use of antibiotics; and endorsing the best practice recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

WHEREAS, antibiotic-resistant infections are more likely to produce adverse health outcomes and are more costly to treat than susceptible infections; and

WHEREAS, the widespread use of antibiotics has increased the type and incidence of bacteria that are resistant to treatment by antibiotics; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance results from overuse of antibiotics in general, and overuse of selected agents in particular; and

WHEREAS, a patient infected with an antibiotic-resistant strain of bacteria can require hospitalization that would otherwise be unnecessary, and such a patient is subject to an increased rate of death; and

WHEREAS, practices that result in antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria increase pharmaceutical costs due to inappropriate prescribing of antibiotic agents. Such practices also increase total health care costs due to additional hospitalization and other forms of additional medical care necessary to treat antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria; and

WHEREAS, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) have developed recommendations for health care professionals regarding best practices for the judicious use of antibiotics.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the State of Oklahoma endorses the CDC/AAP best practice recommendations, and urges each health care professional and managed care plan operating in this state to adopt such recommendations in their practices and formularies.

Adopted by the Senate the 25th day of May, 2000.

President of the Senate