

ENROLLED SENATE  
RESOLUTION NO. 74

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A Resolution indicating the preference of the Oklahoma State Senate that specified studies related to pharmaceutical care for Medicaid beneficiaries be cooperatively conducted and that no new pharmaceutical categories be added under the Oklahoma Health Care Authority product-based prior authorization system of pharmacy benefits until certain time; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature recognizes the impact of increasing costs on health care and health care delivery in this state; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature also recognizes the need for adequate access to health care services by its citizens, and Medicaid beneficiaries in particular; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature further recognizes the role of prescription drugs in the prevention and treatment of medical conditions and the reduction of medical costs; and

WHEREAS, the 2nd Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature created the Oklahoma Medicaid Pharmacy Task Force to review and study the delivery of pharmaceutical care to Medicaid beneficiaries in this state; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority will continue its study of the impact of a product-based prior authorization system of pharmaceutical benefits on participants and funding.

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

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby indicates its preference that the above-referenced studies be cooperatively conducted:

1. Through the sharing of statistical and other data;
2. By seeking the input of physicians and other caregivers including, but not limited to, providers who care for Medicaid beneficiaries in nursing facilities; and
3. By requesting assistance with the studies from a variety of providers that include, but are not limited to, pharmacists and pharmaceutical manufacturers.

THAT the Oklahoma State Senate hereby further indicates its preference that the Oklahoma Health Care Authority not add any new pharmaceutical categories to its product-based prior authorization system of pharmacy benefits prior to the convening of the 1st Session of the 48th Oklahoma Legislature and the completion of the above-referenced studies.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board and Administrator, and the Oklahoma Medicaid Pharmacy Task Force.

Adopted by the Senate the 26th day of May, 2000.

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President of the Senate