

An Act relating to health care; creating the Managed Health Care Reform and Accountability Act and providing short title; declaring legislative purposes and intent; defining terms; stating duty of specified health care entities to exercise ordinary care in health care treatment decisions; providing for liability for damages under certain circumstances; stating obligation to provide care; limiting liability of employers and employer group purchasing organizations; prohibiting removal of and refusal to renew health care providers from a plan for advocating appropriate and medically necessary health care; prohibiting attempts to obtain indemnification from health care providers; declaring certain provisions of contracts to be void and unenforceable; prohibiting certain defenses in civil actions; stating that section does not create new or additional liability for certain entities for medical negligence of health care providers; requiring enrollee to comply with certain requirements for civil actions; excepting licensed insurance agents; excepting workers' compensation insurance; stating prerequisites for civil actions; requiring specified notice; providing for tolling of limitations period; allowing specified remedies under certain circumstances; prohibiting certification of actions as class actions; excluding one method for determining exemplary damages; amending Section 5, Chapter 160, O.S.L. 1999 (63 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 2528.5), which relates to external review of certain decisions; deleting presumption; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.