

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1233

By: Morgan

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state and education employee benefits; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 1321, which relates to rates and benefits; authorizing the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council to renegotiate rates in certain circumstances; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 1321, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1321. The Board shall have the authority to determine all rates and life, dental and health benefits. All rates shall be compiled in a comprehensive Schedule of Benefits. The Schedule of Benefits shall be available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board. The Board shall have the authority to annually adjust the rates and benefits based on claim experience. The annual adjustment shall be made no later than the bid submission date for health maintenance organizations set by the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council, which for the plan year beginning July 1, 2001, shall be set no later than the third Friday of December of each year. The next plan year shall begin January 1, 2002, and on January 1 each year thereafter. For the plan year beginning January 1, 2002, and for each year thereafter, the date shall be set no later than the third Friday of August of each year. The Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council may, however, renegotiate rates with successful bidders after contracts have been awarded if there is a substantial fluctuation in enrollment as determined by the

Council. The Board may approve a mid-year adjustment provided the need for an adjustment is substantiated by an actuarial determination or more current experience rating. The only publication or notice requirements that shall apply to the Schedule of Benefits shall be those requirements provided in the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. It is the intent of the Legislature that the benefits provided not include cosmetic dental procedures except for certain orthodontic procedures as adopted by the Board.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

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.

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