

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1572

By: Monson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S. 2001, Section 1010.7A, which relates to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority; requiring review and evaluation, at least twice yearly, by specified categories of certain subjects related to the Oklahoma Medicaid Healthcare Options System; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2001, Section 1010.7A, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1010.7A A. There is hereby created the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

B. The Committee shall be composed of five members of the Oklahoma State Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and five members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate one member to serve as cochair of the Committee. Members and cochairs shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the appointing authority.

C. The Committee may use the expertise and services of the staffs of the State Senate and the House of Representatives and may, as necessary, employ and contract for the advice and services of

experts in the field as well as other necessary professional and clerical staff.

D. The Committee shall be convened no less than four times a year and shall meet at least once each year with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board.

E. Reimbursement for travel expenses shall be as provided by Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. The Committee, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, as specified in Section 1010.3 of ~~Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, shall review negotiations with the federal government relating to any and all agreements between the federal government and the State of Oklahoma concerning Title XIX programs in this state, pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 1396 et seq. and Title XXI of the Social Security Act.

G. The Committee shall review and make recommendations concerning all proposals for additions or modifications to populations covered or services provided by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, as specified in Section 1010.3 of ~~Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. The Committee's review shall include the fiscal impact of any proposed additions or modifications to populations covered or services provided by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. The Committee shall also monitor the implementation of these additions or modifications, including review of the preadmission screening instrument, the eligibility and enrollment system and the services delivery system.

H. The Committee shall, at least twice yearly, review and evaluate by each beneficiary eligibility category:

1. Beneficiary access to and utilization of:

- a. primary care services,
- b. specialist medical services,
- c. preventive health services,

- d. acute care treatment and emergency room services,
- e. behavioral health services,
- f. dental services, and
- g. other purchased medical services;

2. Management of chronic life threatening or disabling conditions including, not limited to, pharmaceutical, social work, and/or physician case management services;

3. Consumer satisfaction with access to and quality of care;
and

4. The impact of the system on patient health status.

I. The Committee, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, as specified in Section 1010.3 of ~~Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title, shall conduct a study of client advocacy and community outreach. The Committee shall further study and analyze the cost of administration of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to determine how its administrative costs compare to the administrative costs of other health care delivery systems. The Committee shall submit a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives no later than ~~January~~ February 1 of each year.

~~I.~~ J. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall provide members of the Committee with policy changes and rules proposed by the Authority at the same time as such rules and policies are submitted to the Advisory Committee on Medical Care for Public Assistance Recipients in accordance with subsection B of Section 5009.2 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Committee shall review proposed and adopted rules at each Oversight Committee meeting.

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