

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 557

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending Section 1, Chapter 340, O.S.L. 2000, which relates to the Oklahoma 2001 Healthcare Initiative; providing for additional increase in salary for certain employees; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 340, O.S.L. 2000, is amended to read as follows:

A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma 2001 Healthcare Initiative".

B. 1. The purpose of the Oklahoma 2001 Healthcare Initiative is to improve the public health care system of Oklahoma through increased health care services and benefits.

2. In order to upgrade Oklahoma's health care system, the Oklahoma Legislature through the Oklahoma 2001 Healthcare Initiative hereby provides funding for the most critical needs of the vulnerable citizens and residents of this state.

C. To this end, the Oklahoma Legislature hereby requires:

1. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority to:

a. increase by eighteen percent (18%), provided the increase does not exceed federal limits, the Medicaid reimbursement rate to the following persons or entities providing Medicaid-authorized services to eligible persons:

(1) physicians including, but not limited to, psychiatrists and osteopathic physicians,



increase emergency room visit rate

increase nonemergency room visit rate

(3) ambulatory surgical services 10% increase

(4) inpatient hospital services 12% increase

(5) neonatal inpatient hospital  
services 20% increase

(6) critical access hospital  
services 38% increase

f. increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate sixty percent (60%) for dental services provided to eligible persons, and

g. increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate forty percent (40%) for ambulance services provided to eligible persons;

2. The State Department of Health, with the cooperation of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the Department of Human Services to:

a. develop and implement a comprehensive, evidence-based tobacco prevention and cessation program from state-appropriated funds, available Medicaid funds, available grant funds, and available Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant monies. The program shall:

(1) consist of the following four cornerstones:

(a) community-based initiatives,

(b) voluntary classroom programs in public schools,

(c) cessation assistance, and

(d) public education media programs, and

(2) utilize strategies including, but not limited to, involving school nurses in youth tobacco prevention efforts, and utilizing other efforts

that have been demonstrated to be effective by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in an effort to:

- (a) lower smoking rates among Oklahoma youths,
- (b) reduce tobacco consumption by Oklahomans, and
- (c) reduce exposure related to secondhand tobacco smoke.

The program shall comply with the provisions of Section 19 of this act,

- b. expend monies made available from the Legislature and other sources for such programs authorized by this section with a goal of encouraging additional matching direct and indirect funds for tobacco prevention and cessation efforts in Oklahoma, and
  - c. report by January 1st of each year to the Legislature on the implementation of the comprehensive, evidence-based tobacco prevention and cessation program specified by this section; and
3. The Department of Human Services to:
- a. increase Medicaid reimbursement rates to:
    - (1) direct care staff who provide personal care and ADvantage waiver services to Medicaid-eligible adults including, but not limited to, the reimbursement rate for respite care, meal preparation and housekeeping, and
    - (2) habilitation training specialists who serve developmentally disabled persons including, but not limited to, the reimbursement rate for assisting and training in self-care, and daily living and prevocational skills,

- b. increase contract amount by ~~thirteen percent (13%)~~  
seven percent (7%) for salaries of Older Americans Act nutrition site employees who provide meals and nutrition services including, but not limited to, reimbursement rates for home-delivered meals, congregate meals and nutrition education,
- c. increase contract amount by twenty percent (20%) for salaries of employees of Older American Act Title III(B) Projects and Title III Area Agencies on Aging who provide supportive services including, but not limited to, transportation, legal assistance, outreach, home repair, and coordination of other services,
- d. purchase services up to Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) per child for developmentally disabled children who are on the waiting list to receive services including, but not limited to, habilitation treatment specialist services, medical supplies, home health care, therapy and respite care services,
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- e. purchase services up to Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) per adult for developmentally disabled adults who are on the waiting list to receive services including, but not limited to, habilitation treatment specialist services, medical supplies, home health care, therapy and respite care services, and
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- f. purchase ADvantage waiver services for developmentally disabled persons without cognitive impairment.

SECTION 2. 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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