

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 978

By: Morgan and Robinson of
the Senate

and

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Boren of the House

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority; appropriating certain funds; specifying purposes; requiring budgeting in certain categories and amounts; providing for duties and compensation of employees; authorizing payment of certain expenses of the Administrator and certain other employees of the Authority; authorizing payment of certain expenses; authorizing the employing of certain attorneys; prohibiting certain increases in budgetary limits; providing budgetary limitations; providing procedures for exempting certain funds from expenditure and budgetary limitations; requiring certain filings and approvals; providing for certain notifications; requiring certain approvals; providing exceptions; requiring and authorizing the transfer of certain funds for certain purposes; providing procedures; authorizing the expenditure of previously appropriated funds for certain purpose; requiring the keeping of certain records; authorizing certain requests relating to early transfers; making certain funds not subject to fiscal year limitations but available for encumbrance and expenditure for certain time period; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the sum of Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Health Care Authority by law.

SECTION 2. From the funds appropriated to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority in Section 67 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2007 of the 2nd Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature, the amount of Two

Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) shall be used for providing breast and cervical cancer treatment services.

SECTION 3. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall budget all funds in the following categories and amounts:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operations	\$ 11,773,626.00	\$ 27,098,745.00
Medicaid Payments	456,839,627.00	2,889,727,765.00
Medicaid Contracted Services	13,628,870.00	47,758,043.00
Rehabilitation Services	0.00	50,000.00
OSA Non-Title XIX Medical	0.00	22,385,710.00
Non-Title XIX Medical	<u>14,382.00</u>	<u>14,382.00</u>
TOTAL	\$482,256,505.00	\$2,987,034,645.00

SECTION 4. A. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Health Care Authority by law shall be set by the Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is authorized to:

1. Pay professional expenses of the Administrator of the Authority, including dues, licenses, professional memberships, continuing medical education classes conducted in the State of Oklahoma, and medical malpractice insurance;

2. Pay professional expenses of the Medical Director, including dues, licenses, professional memberships, continuing medical education classes conducted in the State of Oklahoma, and medical malpractice insurance, provided the Medical Director is a full-time employee of the Authority;

3. Pay professional expenses of the Associate Medical Director, including dues, licenses, professional memberships, continuing medical education classes conducted in the State of Oklahoma, and medical malpractice insurance, provided the Associate Medical Director is a full-time employee of the Authority; and

4. Employ five (5) full-time-equivalent attorneys. This authorization shall not increase the budgetary limits in this section.

C. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
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Full-time-equivalent Employees	389.5
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$0.00

SECTION 5. A. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority may request in the manner provided in this section that receipt and expenditure of unanticipated federal funds awarded after July 1, 2004, be exempt from expenditure limitations and from budgetary limitations.

1. The Administrator shall make a request for exemption to the Director of State Finance in writing and file a revised budget program.

2. The Administrator shall also file copies of the request for exemption and budget work program revisions with the Oklahoma House of Representatives Appropriations and Budget Committee Chairman and the Oklahoma State Senate Appropriations and Budget Committee Chairman. The Oklahoma House of Representatives Appropriations and Budget Committee Chairman and/or the Oklahoma State Senate Appropriations and Budget Committee Chairman shall notify the Director of State Finance of any noncompliance of the request with legislative intent within twelve (12) calendar days of their receipt of the exemption request.

B. The Director of State Finance shall approve the request for exemption unless both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget and Program Oversight provide written notification to the Director of State Finance within twelve (12) calendar days of the Committee's receipt of the exemption request that the exemption subverts the intention and objectives of the Legislature in establishing the original limit. The Director of State Finance shall give written notice of approval or disapproval of each exemption to the agency, the Governor and the Chairman of the Oklahoma House of Representatives Appropriations and Budget Committee and the Chairman of the Oklahoma State Senate Appropriations and Budget Committee within eighteen (18) calendar days of receiving the request.

SECTION 6. The Director of State Finance shall transfer monies appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority disbursing funds in the amounts and ratios requested by the Authority except that the cumulative amount transferred shall not exceed the cumulative amount of equal monthly allotments of the appropriation from the General Revenue Fund. Monies appropriated or collected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, may be transferred to these disbursing funds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, to satisfy encumbrances and obligations of said fiscal year; provided, that monies equal in amount are transferred from appropriations or collections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, to the disbursing fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, to satisfy encumbrances and obligations of said fiscal year. All transfer requests shall be in writing to the Director of State Finance. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall maintain record of the inter-year transfers.

SECTION 7. The Director of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority may request through the Director of State Finance the early transfer by the Oklahoma Tax Commission of tax collections to the General Revenue Fund for the purpose of early allocation to the agency's disbursing funds to alleviate cash-flow problems.

SECTION 8. The appropriations made by Sections 66 through 68 of Enrolled House Bill No. 2007 of the 2nd Session of the 49th Oklahoma Legislature shall not be subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be available for encumbrance and expenditure purposes for a period of thirty (30) months from the effective date of this act.

SECTION 9. This act shall become effective July 1, 2004.

Passed the Senate the 28th day of April, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 19th day of April, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

