

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 710

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 5010, which relates to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act; authorizing and directing the Authority to join certain purchasing allowance and to apply for any required waivers; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 5010, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5010. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall analyze the state-purchased and state-subsidized health care programs and explore options for cost containment and delivery alternatives for those programs that are consistent with the purposes of those programs, including, but not limited to:

1. Creation of economic incentives for the persons for whom the state purchases or subsidizes health care to appropriately utilize and purchase health care services, including the development of flexible benefit plans to offset increases in individual financial responsibility;

2. Utilization of provider arrangements that encourage cost containment and ensure access to quality care, including, but not limited to, prepaid delivery systems, utilization review, and prospective payment methods;

3. Coordination of state agency efforts to purchase drugs effectively. The Legislature hereby authorizes and directs the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to join a multi-state prescription drug purchasing allowance, such as the Southern States Coalition, in

order to enhance prescription drug availability and to control prescription drug costs in the state Medicaid program. The Authority shall apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for any waivers required to implement the provisions of this paragraph;

4. Development of recommendations and methods for purchasing medical equipment and supporting services on a volume discount basis; and

5. Development of data systems to obtain utilization data from state-purchased and state-subsidized health care programs in order to identify cost centers, utilization patterns, provider and hospital practice patterns, and procedure costs.

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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