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FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1636

By: Johnson (Constance) of the
Senate

and

Billy of the House

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[public health and safety - State Department of
Health - Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative -
codification - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-560.2 of Title 63, unless
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature determines, through the findings of the
Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities, that:

1. Health disparities exist with regard to:

- a. quality and effectiveness,
- b. access and utilization,
- c. various health conditions, and
- d. health care settings;

2. Health disparities occur within many subpopulations,
including:

- a. the poor,
- b. ethnic minorities,
- c. women,
- d. children,
- e. elderly persons,

- f. persons with disabilities,
- g. rural areas,
- h. urban communities, and
- i. individuals with special health care needs;

3. There is a lack of data specific to Oklahoma for use in making policy decisions about health disparities; and

4. Making such data readily available to decision makers is essential to the development of effective health policy in order to create more effective and targeted public health interventions that will improve the overall state of the state's health.

B. There is hereby established the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative within the Center for Health Statistics within the State Department of Health. The purpose for the initiative shall be to function as a coordinating entity for studies of state and federal health disparities information and to provide information and support to Oklahoma health policy officials by:

1. Administering data linkage requests among agencies;

2. Forming collaborative partnerships with agencies and research groups to carry out special studies and research projects related to health and socioeconomic issues in Oklahoma;

3. Educating policy makers and other data users about the availability and appropriate use of information; and

4. Providing technical expertise for the:

a. development and maintenance of a standardized process for geocoding, and

b. assignment of randomized patient identifiers to reduce the use of personal identifiers and promote security.

C. 1. The Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities shall serve as the Advisory Committee for the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative.

2. The initiative shall confer with state agency personnel with knowledge and experience related to data integration for the

establishment and maintenance of a system to access integrated health data.

3. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative will ultimately be located in a neutral non-service provision organization.

D. Policy development and access to data under the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative is contingent upon the availability of funding to support projects under the initiative.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-560.3 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. To facilitate operation of the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative, the Center for Health Statistics is authorized to integrate data sets collected pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-118 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes and to facilitate access to such integrated data.

B. Data under subsection A of this section shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Public health databases;
2. Health care utilization data;
3. Financial data related to the procurement of health or health care related services by entities including, but not limited to, state agencies, nonstate entities, external vendors, and other entities as identified by the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative;
4. Data collected and maintained under the Oklahoma Health Care Information System Act of 2002; and
5. Other data sources supported and maintained with state funds.

C. The Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative shall develop a plan to integrate pertinent databases identified by the State Commissioner of Health and databases from member entities of the

Data Subcommittee of the Oklahoma Task Force to Eliminate Health Disparities. When the system is developed, the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative is hereby authorized to request databases from state agencies, nonstate entities, external vendors, and other entities as identified by the Oklahoma Integrated Health Data Initiative.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-560.4 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Board of Health, in collaboration with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Department of Human Services, the Insurance Department, the Department of Rehabilitation Services, and all other relevant agencies, subcontractors, and officers, shall promulgate rules necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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