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THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 22, 2005

Senate Bill No. 1009

As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 1009 - By: REYNOLDS of the Senate and PETERS of the House.

[public health and safety - hospice services - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-860.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-860.7 A. A hospice shall not discontinue or diminish care provided to a patient already in its care because of the patient's inability to pay for the care.

B. Any hospice that denies services, for whatever reason, shall refer the requesting party to the division responsible for hospice regulation at the State Department of Health.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES, dated 2-17-05 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.