

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1480

By: Lamons

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health care for the indigent and uninsured in the Tulsa Metropolitan Service Area; making an appropriation to the Oklahoma Community Hospitals Authority; stating legislative intent; requiring budgeting of certain funds in certain years; prohibiting certain budget procedures; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Oklahoma Community Hospitals Authority from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the sum of _____ Dollars (\$0.00) for duties as required by law. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Oklahoma Community Hospitals Authority utilize this appropriation for the following purposes:

1. Establishing an administrative office in Tulsa for providing financial oversight and accountability and the coordination of the delivery of efficient medical services to the indigent and uninsured population;

2. Expansion of the Turning Point Health Kids program through collaboration of the Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma University medical schools;

3. Expanding and supporting the Tulsa Care Link system, which will enhance the health information, triage and scheduling of indigent care patients;

4. Providing additional funding for the three largest acute care hospitals in the Tulsa Metropolitan Service Area for the reimbursement of specialty physicians, on-call services, ancillary services, and intensive care services provided to indigent and uninsured patients;

5. Expanding access to low cost prescription drugs through the Tulsa County Pharmacy and Tulsa indigent care clinic coalition;

6. Allowing greater access to the continuum of post-acute and long-term care by establishing a fee schedule that is an incentive to providing care for the indigent and uninsured; and

7. Establishing a fund to make grants to physicians identified as critical to the continuum of health care for the indigent and uninsured population in the Tulsa Metropolitan Service Area.

SECTION 3. Appropriations made by this act, not including appropriations made for capital outlay purposes, may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 (hereafter FY-06) or may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 (hereafter FY-07). Funds budgeted for FY-06 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2006, and must be expended by November 15, 2006. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2006, and not budgeted for FY-07 shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. Funds budgeted for FY-07 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2007. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2007, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. These appropriations may not be budgeted in both fiscal years simultaneously. Funds budgeted in FY-06, and not required to pay obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-07, after the agency to which the funds have been appropriated has prepared and submitted a budget work program revision removing these funds from the FY-06 budget work program and after such revision has been approved by the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 5. 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 and after its passage and approval.

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