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An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-556, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 2004, (63 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1-556), which relates to the Oklahoma Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Advisory Committee; modifying purposes; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 1-556, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 219, O.S.L. 2004 (63 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1-556), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-556. A. The Oklahoma Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Advisory Committee shall be responsible for evaluating and reporting to the Governor and the State Commissioner of Health regarding contracting for statewide services or issues related to breast cancer including, but not limited to:

1. Mammography and pap smear screening of women for breast and cervical cancer as an early detection health care measure, provided by facilities which are accredited by national organizations that have formed coalitions to issue national cancer screening guidelines;

2. Medical referral of screened persons with abnormal breast findings and, to the extent practical, for additional services or assistance for such persons;

3. Education and training programs for health care professionals to improve methods for the detection and control of breast and cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus, and to

improve communication with breast ~~and~~ cancer, cervical cancer and human papillomavirus patients after diagnosis;

4. Annual public education and awareness campaigns to improve the knowledge and health care practices of all Oklahomans with respect to breast ~~and~~ cancer, cervical cancer and the human papillomavirus;

5. Epidemiological trend studies utilizing the data from the Oklahoma Central Cancer Registry for incidence, prevalence and survival of breast and cervical cancer victims; ~~and~~

6. ~~Outreach~~ Identification and outreach to groups with high proportions of uninsured and underinsured women;

7. Review data regarding the human papillomavirus in women and evaluating current methods used to provide women with information regarding access to regular screening and options for increasing the use of new technology to test for and treat the human papillomavirus; and

8. Identification of priority strategies, new technologies and new therapies which are effective in preventing and controlling the risk of breast cancer, cervical cancer and human papillomavirus.

B. The evaluative efforts of the Advisory Committee with respect to contracts for services specified in subsection A of this section shall provide appropriate oversight and requirements that result in:

1. Enhanced quality control standards within facilities which perform diagnostic cancer screening for breast and cervical cancer; and

2. Establishment of a fee schedule for breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnosis that complies with accepted Medicare ~~or~~ or Medicaid rates and that incorporates a sliding fee payment system to encourage self-responsibility.

C. The Oklahoma Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Advisory Committee shall report annually to the Governor,

the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the State Board of Health by October 1 of each year, activities completed pursuant to the Oklahoma Breast and Cervical Cancer Act during the prior fiscal year, including a report of the funding for related activities. The report shall identify populations at highest risk for breast or cervical cancer, priority strategies, and emerging technologies, including newly introduced therapies and preventive vaccines that are effective in preventing and controlling the risk of breast and cervical cancer, and any recommendations for additional funding, if necessary, to provide screenings and treatment for breast and cervical cancer for uninsured and underinsured women. The report shall further recommend strategies or actions to reduce the costs of breast and cervical cancer in the State of Oklahoma.

D. The Advisory Committee shall evaluate the prospective termination or continuation of its ongoing duties on October 1, 2008, or upon submission of the Advisory Committee's final report to the Governor, the State Commissioner of Health, and the 1st Session of the 51st Oklahoma Legislature, whichever occurs earlier. Such evaluation shall be made based on the successful implementation of breast and cervical cancer reduction plans and/or achievement of significant reductions in breast and cervical cancer morbidity and mortality in the state of Oklahoma.

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

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