

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2778

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; requiring the Department of Human Services to establish a program to provide prescription drugs to senior citizens; specifying payment requirements; providing for codification; and providing an 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 3200 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Human Services shall establish a program to provide low-cost prescription drugs to the senior citizens of Oklahoma. The program shall include:

1. The use of standard or larger prescription refill sizes so as to minimize operational costs and to maximize economy; and

2. Unless the prescribing physician indicates otherwise, the required use of generic or chemically equivalent drugs, provided that the drugs are of the same quality and have the same mode of delivery as is provided to the general public, consistent with good pharmaceutical practice.

B. The Director of the Department of Human Services shall establish the amount of payment to be made by recipients toward the cost of prescription drugs. The program will pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the cost of all prescription drugs not covered by insurance.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

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