

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1051

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An Act relating to state government; requiring health benefit plans offered by the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board and the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council to provide certain coverage for the treatment of morbid obesity; defining term; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 1329 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. All health benefit plans that are offered by the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board for the plan year beginning January 1, 2007, and each plan year thereafter, shall provide coverage for the treatment of morbid obesity through gastric bypass surgery or such other methods as may be recognized by the National Institutes of Health as effective for the long-term reversal of morbid obesity.

B. As used in this section, "morbid obesity" means a body mass index (BMI) equal to or greater than thirty-five (35) kilograms per meter squared with comorbidity or coexisting medical conditions such as hypertension, cardiopulmonary conditions, sleep apnea, or diabetes or a BMI of forty (40) kilograms per meter squared without such comorbidity. BMI equals weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1375 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. All health benefit plans that are offered by the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council for the plan year beginning January 1, 2007, and each plan year thereafter, shall provide coverage for the treatment of morbid obesity through gastric bypass surgery or such other methods as may be recognized by the National Institutes of Health as effective for the long-term reversal of morbid obesity.

B. As used in this section, "morbid obesity" means a body mass index (BMI) equal to or greater than thirty-five (35) kilograms per meter squared with comorbidity or coexisting medical conditions such as hypertension, cardiopulmonary conditions, sleep apnea, or diabetes or a BMI of forty (40) kilograms per meter squared without such comorbidity. BMI equals weight in kilograms divided by height in meters squared.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 4. 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 from and after its passage and approval.

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