

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1225

By: Bengé and Miller of the  
House

7 and

8 Crutchfield, Johnson  
(Mike), Adelson and Myers  
of the Senate

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11 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12 An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S.  
13 2001, Section 1010.1, as last amended by Section 15,  
14 Chapter 315, O.S.L. 2006 (56 O.S. Supp. 2006, Section  
15 1010.1), which relates to the Oklahoma Medicaid  
Program Reform Act of 2003; expanding certain premium  
assistance program; and providing an effective date.

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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKALHOMA:

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2001, Section 1010.1, as  
19 last amended by Section 15, Chapter 315, O.S.L. 2006 (56 O.S. Supp.  
20 2006, Section 1010.1), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 1010.1 A. Sections 1010.1 through 1010.7 of this title  
22 shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Medicaid Program  
23 Reform Act of 2003".  
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1 B. Recognizing that many Oklahomans do not have health care  
2 benefits or health care coverage, that many small businesses cannot  
3 afford to provide health care benefits to their employees, and that,  
4 under federal law, barriers exist to providing Medicaid benefits to  
5 the uninsured, the Oklahoma Legislature hereby establishes  
6 provisions to lower the number of uninsured, assist businesses in  
7 their ability to afford health care benefits and coverage for their  
8 employees, and eliminate barriers to providing health coverage to  
9 eligible enrollees under federal law.

10 C. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall provide coverage  
11 under the state Medicaid program to children under the age of  
12 eighteen (18) years whose family incomes do not exceed one hundred  
13 eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level.

14 D. 1. The Authority is ~~hereby~~ directed to apply for a waiver  
15 or waivers to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS)  
16 that will accomplish the purposes outlined in subsection B of this  
17 section. The Authority is further directed to negotiate with CMS to  
18 include in ~~such~~ the waiver authority provisions to:

- 19 a. increase access to health care for Oklahomans,  
20 b. reform the Oklahoma Medicaid Program to promote  
21 personal responsibility for health care services and  
22 appropriate utilization of health care benefits  
23 through the use of public-private cost sharing,  
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1 c. enable small employers, and/or employed, uninsured  
2 adults with or without children to purchase employer-  
3 sponsored, state-approved private, or state-sponsored  
4 health care coverage through a state premium  
5 assistance payment plan. If by January 1, ~~2008~~ 2012,  
6 the Employer/Employee Partnership for Insurance  
7 Coverage Premium Assistance Program is not consuming  
8 more than seventy-five percent (75%) of its dedicated  
9 source of funding, then the program will be expanded  
10 to include parents of children eligible for Medicaid,  
11 and

12 d. develop flexible health care benefit packages based  
13 upon patient need and cost.

14 2. The Authority may phase in any waiver or waivers it receives  
15 based upon available funding.

16 3. The Authority is ~~hereby~~ authorized to develop and implement  
17 a premium assistance plan to assist small businesses and/or their  
18 eligible employees to purchase employer-sponsored insurance or "buy-  
19 in" to a state-sponsored benefit plan.

20 4. ~~During the implementation of the premium assistance program,~~  
21 ~~the~~ The Authority is ~~hereby~~ authorized to seek from the Centers for  
22 Medicare and Medicaid Services any waivers or amendments to existing  
23 waivers necessary to accomplish an expansion of the premium  
24 assistance program to include employers with ~~fifty~~ two hundred fifty

1 employees or less up to any level supported by existing funding  
2 resources.

3 5. The Authority is authorized to seek from the Centers for  
4 Medicare and Medicaid Services any waivers or amendments to existing  
5 waivers necessary to accomplish an extension of the premium  
6 assistance program to include qualified employees whose family  
7 income does not exceed two hundred fifty percent (250%) of the  
8 federal poverty level, subject to the limit of federal financial  
9 participation.

10 E. 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
11 revolving fund to be designated the "Health Employee and Economy  
12 Improvement Act (HEEIA) Revolving Fund".

13 2. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal  
14 year limitations, and shall consist of:

- 15 a. all monies received by the Authority pursuant to this  
16 section and otherwise specified or authorized by law,  
17 b. monies received by the Authority due to federal  
18 financial participation pursuant to Title XIX of the  
19 Social Security Act, and  
20 c. interest attributable to investment of money in the  
21 fund.

22 3. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby  
23 appropriated and shall be budgeted and expended by the Authority to  
24 implement a premium assistance plan.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2007.

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