

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COFERENCE COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1884

By: Cargill and Terrill of the
House

and

Lamb of the Senate

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10 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating
12 the Healthcare Consumer Transparency Task Force;
13 providing for membership; providing for appointment
14 of cochairs; providing for travel reimbursement;
15 providing for administrative support; providing for
16 duties; requiring certain reports; amending Section 1
17 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 903 of the 1st Session of
18 the 51st Oklahoma Legislature, which relates to the
19 Twenty-first Century Health Education and Research
20 for Oklahoma Task Force; providing expiration date;
21 setting duties of Task Force; providing for
22 membership; directing selection of chair and vice-
23 chair; providing for quorum; permitting certain
24 meetings; subjecting Task Force to the Open Meeting
Act; directing certain compensation; providing for
noncodification; 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 not to be
codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

1 A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31,
2 2008, the "Healthcare Consumer Transparency Task Force".

3 B. The Task Force shall consist of nineteen (19) members:

4 1. Five members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows:

5 a. one member from a list submitted by a statewide
6 association representing allopathic physicians,

7 b. one member from a statewide association representing
8 health advocates,

9 c. one member who is an insurance industry
10 representative,

11 d. one member who has specialized knowledge of hospital
12 billing practices, and

13 e. one member representing rural hospitals from a list
14 submitted by a statewide association representing
15 rural and urban hospitals;

16 2. Four members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
17 Oklahoma House of Representatives as follows:

18 a. one member representing private business from a list
19 submitted by a statewide association representing
20 business,

21 b. one member who has specialized knowledge of physician
22 billing practices,

23 c. one member representing ambulatory surgical centers,
24 and

1 d. one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

2 3. Four members shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore
3 of the Senate as follows:

4 a. one member who is a healthcare consumer,

5 b. one member representing urban hospitals from a list
6 submitted by a statewide association representing
7 urban and rural hospitals,

8 c. one member from a list submitted by a statewide
9 association representing osteopathic physicians, and

10 d. one member of the Senate;

11 4. The President of the Oklahoma Hospital Association, or a
12 designee;

13 5. The Commissioner of Health, or a designee;

14 6. The Commissioner of Insurance, or a designee;

15 7. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Association of Health
16 Plans, or a designee;

17 8. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or
18 a designee; and

19 9. The Administrator of the State and Education Employees Group
20 Insurance Board, or a designee.

21 C. The appointed member from the Oklahoma House of
22 Representatives and the appointed member from the Senate shall serve
23 as cochairs of the Task Force. The cochairs shall convene the first
24 meeting of the Task Force. The members of the Task Force shall

1 elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a vacancy
2 in any office. The Task Force shall meet as often as necessary.

3 D. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July 15,
4 2007.

5 E. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute
6 a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act
7 for the Task Force.

8 F. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
9 by their respective agencies for necessary travel expenses incurred
10 in the performance of duties pursuant to the provisions of the State
11 Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the Task Force
12 shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the
13 performance of duties in accordance with the provisions of Section
14 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

15 G. Administrative support for the Task Force including, but not
16 limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of
17 the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force shall be provided
18 by the State Department of Health to be supplemented, if necessary,
19 by the state agencies involved in the Task Force, and the staff of
20 the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Senate. All
21 participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative
22 support requested by the Task Force.

23 H. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations
24 regarding a system for hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and

1 physicians to disclose to consumers the average charges for the
2 treatment of common medical diagnoses and/or procedures. The Task
3 Force shall:

- 4 1. Review charge transparency in other states;
- 5 2. Review average charges on common medical diagnoses and/or
6 procedures;
- 7 3. Examine funding sources to implement the recommendations;
8 and
- 9 4. Examine methods for patients to determine out-of-pocket
10 expenses to include deductibles and co-payments.

11 I. The Task Force shall publish an initial report of findings
12 and recommendations by December 31, 2007, and a final report by
13 December 31, 2008, including recommendations for any resulting
14 legislation.

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 1 of Enrolled Senate Bill
16 No. 903 of the 1st Session of the 51st Oklahoma Legislature, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1. A. There is hereby created until January 31, 2008,
19 the ~~Twenty-First~~ Twenty-first Century Health Education and Research
20 for Oklahoma Task Force. The Task Force shall explore methods of
21 long-term financing to:

- 22 1. Double the number of health care workers, including medical
23 and osteopathic residents, in Oklahoma; and

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1 2. Invest in research through the University Hospitals Trust
2 and the Oklahoma State University Medical Authority.

3 B. The Task Force shall be composed of ~~twenty two (22)~~ twenty-
4 six (26) members as follows:

5 1. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
6 Senate from the President Pro Tempore's party;

7 2. Two members appointed by the Co-President Pro Tempore of the
8 Senate from the Co-President Pro Tempore's party;

9 3. Two members of the majority party of the House of
10 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives;

12 4. Two members of the minority party of the House of
13 Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives;

15 5. The Executive Director of the University Hospitals Trust;

16 6. The Senior Vice President and Provost of the University of
17 Oklahoma Health Sciences Center;

18 7. The Senior Associate Dean of the University of Oklahoma
19 College of Medicine;

20 8. The Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine;

21 ~~7.~~ 9. The Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of
22 Nursing;

23 ~~8.~~ 10. The Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of
24 Dentistry;

- 1 ~~9.~~ 11. The President of the University of Oklahoma-Tulsa;
- 2 ~~10.~~ 12. The Dean of the Oklahoma State University College of
- 3 ~~Osteopathic Medicine~~ Policy Analyst of the A&M Board of Regents;
- 4 ~~11.~~ 13. The President of the Oklahoma State University Center
- 5 for Health Sciences;
- 6 ~~12.~~ 14. The Senior Associate Dean for the Oklahoma State
- 7 University Center for Health Sciences;
- 8 ~~13.~~ 15. The Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education at
- 9 the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences;
- 10 ~~14.~~ 16. The Associate Dean for Rural Health for the Oklahoma
- 11 State University Center for Health Sciences;
- 12 ~~15.~~ 17. The ~~Chief Operating Officer of~~ Medicaid Laws Advisor
- 13 for the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences;
- 14 ~~16.~~ 18. The Chief Executive Officer for the Oklahoma State
- 15 Medical Authority;
- 16 ~~17.~~ 19. The President of Tulsa Community College; ~~and~~
- 17 ~~18.~~ 20. The Chief Operating Officer of Tulsa Community College;
- 18 21. The President of Oklahoma City Community College; and
- 19 22. The Chief Operating Officer of Oklahoma City Community
- 20 College.

21 C. One member from the State Senate and one member from the

22 Oklahoma House of Representatives selected by the Task Force shall

23 serve as chair and vice-chair. A quorum of the Task Force shall be

24 required in order for any final action of the Task Force.

1 D. The Task Force may meet as often as may be required in order
2 to perform the duties imposed upon it.

3 E. The meetings of the Task Force shall be subject to the Open
4 Meeting Act.

5 F. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
6 their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

7 1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
8 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
9 duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74
10 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

11 2. Nonlegislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed
12 for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
13 duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

14 G. Staff support for the Task Force shall be provided by the
15 staff of the State Senate, the Oklahoma House of Representatives,
16 the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, or Tulsa
17 Community College.

18 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2007.

19 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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