

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1464

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8 (public health and safety - Oklahoma Medical Loan

9 Repayment Program - codification -

10 effective date)

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2720 of Title 63, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited
18 as the "Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program".

19 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2721 of Title 63, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. 1. The State Department of Health shall administer the
23 Oklahoma Medical Loan Repayment Program.

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1 2. The Program, depending upon available funding, shall provide
2 educational loan repayment assistance for up to five Oklahoma
3 licensed pediatric specialists and general practitioners, including
4 child psychiatrists, per year.

5 3. Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be
6 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the
7 participant and the appropriate loan agency in equal monthly
8 disbursements, not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars
9 (\$25,000.00) per year for a five-year period. Prior to any
10 disbursement, the Department shall certify and properly review
11 monthly reports submitted by the participating pediatric specialists
12 and general practitioners, including child psychiatrists, detailing
13 performance of activities in accordance with the Oklahoma Medical
14 Loan Repayment Program.

15 4. At the conclusion of the two-year period, the Department
16 shall review the performance in the Program of the participating
17 pediatric specialists and general practitioners, including child
18 psychiatrists, and determine whether an award may be granted for an
19 additional three (3) years pursuant to rules promulgated by the
20 Department.

21 B. The pediatric specialists and general practitioners,
22 including child psychiatrists, entering the Program each year shall
23 agree to provide medical care and services in a designated Pediatric
24 Specialist and General Practitioner Shortage Area of the state and

1 agree to provide medical care and services to Medicaid recipients as
2 authorized by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. The Department
3 shall be responsible for ensuring that at least thirty percent (30%)
4 of the patients treated by the pediatric specialists and general
5 practitioners, including child psychiatrists, will be Medicaid
6 recipients.

7 C. A pediatric specialist and general practitioner, including a
8 child psychiatrist, shall be eligible to participate in the loan
9 repayment program if the pediatric specialist or general
10 practitioner, including a child psychiatrist:

- 11 1. Is a new medical school graduate. Preference will be given
12 to graduates of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine and
13 the Oklahoma State University College of Medicine;
- 14 2. Is licensed to practice medicine in Oklahoma; and
- 15 3. Has demonstrated financial need.

16 D. The pediatric specialists and general practitioners,
17 including child psychiatrists, shall execute a contract with the
18 Department to provide medical services in a designated Pediatric
19 Specialist and General Practitioner Shortage Area and agree that
20 thirty percent (30%) of his or her patients will be Medicaid
21 recipients. The pediatric specialists and general practitioners,
22 including child psychiatrists, shall agree to practice in this state
23 for no fewer than five (5) consecutive years immediately following
24 completion of his or her fellowship.

1 E. If the pediatric specialists and general practitioners,
2 including child psychiatrists, do not fulfill the service
3 obligation, the Department may collect from the participant the
4 entire amount of loan payments made under the Program plus interest.

5 F. The Department shall present a report on the operation of
6 the Program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within
8 one (1) month of the beginning of each regular session of the
9 Legislature, including but not limited to the progress made in
10 accomplishing the goal of the Program.

11 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2722 of Title 63, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 The amount of the award of educational loan repayment assistance
15 shall not exceed any maximum or minimum amount as promulgated by
16 rules of the State Board of Health pursuant to the Oklahoma Medical
17 Loan Repayment Program. The actual amount of the award shall be
18 based upon a determination of:

- 19 1. Actual funds available to the Oklahoma Medical Loan
20 Repayment Program for expenditure; and
- 21 2. The existing student loan indebtedness of the participating
22 pediatric specialists and general practitioners, including child
23 psychiatrists.

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SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2007.

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