

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1583

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8 ( poor persons - creating the Healthplex Specialty

9 Care Access Act - appropriation - codification -

10 noncodification -

11 effective date )

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1010.31 of Title 56, unless  
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Healthplex  
20 Specialty Care Access Act".

21 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1010.32 of Title 56, unless  
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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1       A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall establish the  
2 Healthplex Specialty Care Access Act to:

3       1. Aid indigent individuals who have difficulty accessing  
4 specialty medical care;

5       2. Decrease the number of individuals whose specialty care  
6 needs are unmet and have higher morbidity and mortality;

7       3. Decrease medical care costs and cost shifting to other  
8 patients when there is inadequate means to pay for care through  
9 decreased morbidity;

10       4. Decrease overcrowding and inappropriate utilization of  
11 hospital emergency rooms by increasing appropriate access to  
12 specialty medical care; and

13       5. Increase the number of medical specialists residing and  
14 practicing in the State of Oklahoma.

15       B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall support a specialty  
16 care delivery system through Healthplexes which would:

17       1. Provide sites for the delivery of specialty care to the  
18 public patients and to the indigent;

19       2. Serve as regional resources for the delivery of such care;  
20 and

21       3. Assist in the training of residents and medical students.

22       C. 1. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall promulgate  
23 rules to create a certification process for the recognition of a  
24 Healthplex, and to establish a payment system, on a fee-for-service

1 basis, for eligible Healthplex patients. Payments for services  
2 shall be limited to services provided to patients who are uninsured,  
3 do not have access to health insurance and have not had access to  
4 health insurance for the six (6) months prior to services being  
5 rendered, and receive their specialty care in the Healthplex  
6 setting.

7 2. A "Healthplex" shall be a clinic that:

8 a. has an affiliation agreement with a state medical  
9 school,

10 b. treats at least eighty percent (80%) Medicaid or  
11 uninsured patients, and

12 c. offers comprehensive specialty outpatient health care  
13 services such as urgent care, specialty care,  
14 outpatient pharmacy, chemotherapy, ambulatory surgery,  
15 endoscopy/colonoscopy, mammography/breast  
16 ultrasound/breast biopsy, advanced Magnetic Resonance  
17 Imaging (MRI) and Computerized Axial Tomography (CT),  
18 mental health services, and laboratory services.

19 3. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority may disburse appropriated  
20 monies to Healthplexes consistent with promulgated rules, as funds  
21 are available.

22 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
23 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

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1 An appropriation may be made to the Oklahoma Health Care  
2 Authority to be disbursed in a manner consistent with the terms of  
3 the Healthplex Specialty Care Access Act and the rules promulgated  
4 pursuant thereto.

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

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