

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1884

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7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

8 An Act relating to public health and safety; creating
9 the Healthcare Consumer Transparency Task Force;
10 providing for membership; providing for appointment
11 of cochairs; providing for travel reimbursement;
12 providing for administrative support; providing for
13 duties; requiring certain reports; providing for
14 noncodification; providing an effective date; and
15 declaring an emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
18 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

19 A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31,
20 2008, the "Healthcare Consumer Transparency Task Force".

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

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

23 a. one member from a list submitted by a statewide
24 association representing allopathic physicians,

- b. one member from a statewide association representing health advocates,
- c. one member who is an insurance industry representative,
- d. one member who has specialized knowledge of hospital billing practices, and
- e. one member representing rural hospitals from a list submitted by a statewide association representing rural and urban hospitals,

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

- a. one member representing private business from a list submitted by a statewide association representing business,
- b. one member who has specialized knowledge of physician billing practices;
- c. one member representing ambulatory surgical centers, and
- d. one member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

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

- a. one member who is a healthcare consumer,

1 b. one member representing urban hospitals from a list
2 submitted by a statewide association representing
3 urban and rural hospitals,

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

6 d. one member of the State Senate;

7 4. The President of the Oklahoma Hospital Association, or a
8 designee;

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

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

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

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

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

17 C. The appointed member from the Oklahoma House of
18 Representatives and the appointed member from the State Senate shall
19 serve as cochairs of the Task Force. The cochairs shall convene the
20 first meeting of the Task Force. The members of the Task Force
21 shall elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a
22 vacancy in any office. The Task Force shall meet as often as
23 necessary.

1 D. Appointments to the Task Force shall be made by July 15,
2 2007.

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

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

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

21 H. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations
22 regarding a system for hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, and
23 physicians to disclose to consumers the average charges for the
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1 treatment of common medical diagnosis and procedures. The Task
2 Force shall:

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

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

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2007.

15 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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