

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1640

By: Ivester of the Senate

3 and

4 Blackwell of the House

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7 [insurance - accident and health benefits coverage -
8 effective date]
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2001, Section 3634, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 3634. Medical or surgical services or procedures
15 constituting the practice of podiatric medicine, as defined by
16 Section 142 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, psychological
17 services or procedures constituting the practice of psychology, as
18 defined by Section 1352 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, ~~and~~
19 licensed and certified clinical social work services provided by
20 persons meeting the qualifications required under subsection B of
21 Section 1261.1 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, licensed
22 marital and family therapy services constituting the practice of
23 marital and family therapy, as defined by Section 1925.2 of Title 59
24 of the Oklahoma Statutes, licensed professional counseling services

1 constituting the practice of professional counseling, as defined by
2 Section 1902 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and licensed
3 alcohol and drug counselor as defined by Section 1871 of Title 59 of
4 the Oklahoma Statutes, and covered by the terms of any individual,
5 group, blanket or franchise policy, agreement or service contract
6 providing accident or health benefits coverage in Oklahoma issued by
7 any insurer, whether a stock or mutual insurance company, a medical
8 service corporation or association, or any other type of issuer
9 whatever, and covering an Oklahoma risk may be performed by any
10 practitioner licensed to do so under Sections 136 through 160.2,
11 Sections 1351 through 1376 ~~or~~, subsection B of Section 1261.1,
12 Sections 1925.1 through 1925.18, Sections 1901 through 1920 or
13 Sections 1870 through 1885 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, who
14 is selected by the insured provided that where covered benefits are
15 offered through a contracting preferred provider organization, the
16 podiatrist, psychologist, ~~or~~ clinical social worker, marital and
17 family therapist, professional counselor, or licensed alcohol and
18 drug counselor is a contracting provider. Except in the case of a
19 contracting preferred provider organization, any provision,
20 exclusion or limitation in such a policy denying an insured the free
21 choice of such licensed podiatric physician, psychologist ~~or~~,
22 certified clinical social worker, marital and family therapist,
23 professional counselor, or licensed alcohol and drug counselor
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1 shall, to the extent of the denial, be void, but such voidance shall
2 not affect the validity of the other provisions of the policy.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

4 Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2008.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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8 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

9 2008.

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