

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1863

By: Paddack of the Senate

and

Peterson (Ron) of the House

An Act relating to health care; stating legislative intent; 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:

A. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the Oklahoma Choosing Health plans All Together (CHAT) initiative expands its CHAT sessions to reach a broader demographic of the state to include more minority and low income populations to ensure a more representative sample.

B. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that the comprehensive study of Oklahoma's uninsured population that was conducted by the State Health Access Data Assistance Center, which was conducted during the development phase of the Insure Oklahoma

premium assistance plan, be updated to clearly identify Oklahoma's uninsured population in terms of factors such as age, gender, employment, income and geographic location. This updated study should be of assistance in quantifying targeted populations most likely to benefit from a lower cost health benefit plan.

C. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that a comprehensive study be conducted regarding the concept of a primary care "medical home". It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that this study be a collaborative effort including participation from the medical associations, health care professionals, academic community, state agencies, the insurance industry and other interested parties. The purpose of this study would be to explore how medical home parameters and concepts can be facilitated and to address known current circumstances and practices that create barriers to primary care access.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

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

Passed the Senate the 5th day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives