

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
House Bill No. 2713

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 2713 - By: BILLY, BROWN, HILLIARD, MCDANIEL (JEANNIE), PITTMAN AND STEELE of the House and CRAIN of the Senate.

An Act relating to Medicaid coverage; amending 56 O.S. 2001, Section 1010.1, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 2007 (56 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 1010.1), which relates to the Oklahoma Medicaid Program Reform Act of 2003; exempting certain persons from qualifying employer requirement; providing for eligibility for premium assistance program for certain persons if funding permits; and providing an effective date.

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

1           SECTION 1.    AMENDATORY    56 O.S. 2001, Section 1010.1, as last amended by  
2 Section 1, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 2007 (56 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 1010.1), is amended to  
3 read as follows:  
4           Section 1010.1 A. Sections 1010.1 through 1010.7 of this title shall be known and  
5 may be cited as the "Oklahoma Medicaid Program Reform Act of 2003".  
6           B. Recognizing that many Oklahomans do not have health care benefits or health  
7 care coverage, that many small businesses cannot afford to provide health care benefits  
8 to their employees, and that, under federal law, barriers exist to providing Medicaid  
9 benefits to the uninsured, the Oklahoma Legislature hereby establishes provisions to  
10 lower the number of uninsured, assist businesses in their ability to afford health care

1 benefits and coverage for their employees, and eliminate barriers to providing health  
2 coverage to eligible enrollees under federal law.

3 C. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall provide coverage under the state  
4 Medicaid program to children under the age of eighteen (18) years whose family incomes  
5 do not exceed one hundred eighty-five percent (185%) of the federal poverty level.

6 D. 1. The Authority is directed to apply for a waiver or waivers to the Centers for  
7 Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) that will accomplish the purposes outlined in  
8 subsection B of this section. The Authority is further directed to negotiate with CMS to  
9 include in the waiver authority provisions to:

- 10 a. increase access to health care for Oklahomans,
- 11 b. reform the Oklahoma Medicaid Program to promote personal  
12 responsibility for health care services and appropriate utilization of  
13 health care benefits through the use of public-private cost sharing,
- 14 c. enable small employers, and/or employed, uninsured adults with or  
15 without children to purchase employer-sponsored, state-approved  
16 private, or state-sponsored health care coverage through a state  
17 premium assistance payment plan. If by January 1, 2012, the  
18 Employer/Employee Partnership for Insurance Coverage Premium  
19 Assistance Program is not consuming more than seventy-five percent  
20 (75%) of its dedicated source of funding, then the program will be  
21 expanded to include parents of children eligible for Medicaid, and

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.  
**BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED** language denotes Committee Amendments.  
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.



1 E. 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund to be  
2 designated the "Health Employee and Economy Improvement Act (HEEIA) Revolving  
3 Fund".

4 2. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and  
5 shall consist of:

- 6 a. all monies received by the Authority pursuant to this section and  
7 otherwise specified or authorized by law,
- 8 b. monies received by the Authority due to federal financial participation  
9 pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, and
- 10 c. interest attributable to investment of money in the fund.

11 3. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and shall  
12 be budgeted and expended by the Authority to implement a premium assistance plan.

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

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02-28-08 - DO  
15 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.