

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1823

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety;  
8 directing the State Department of Health to provide a  
9 cancer patient navigation program; stating purpose;  
10 providing duties of program; authorizing the State  
11 Board of Health to promulgate rules; providing for  
12 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-558.1 of Title 63, unless  
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The State Department of Health shall provide a cancer  
18 patient navigation program. The purpose of the program shall be to  
19 provide education about, and assistance with, the management of  
20 cancer.

21 B. At a minimum, the program shall:

22 1. Initially serve breast and cervical cancer patients  
23 statewide which have been identified by the Department's Take  
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1 Charge! Program, and expand to all other cancer types as the program  
2 develops;

3 2. Employ a multidisciplinary team approach to assist such  
4 patients with access to health care, financial and legal assistance,  
5 transportation, psychological support and other related issues; and

6 3. Be a part of an existing cancer service agency, not  
7 affiliated with a particular health care institution, in order that  
8 Take Charge! Program clients may be treated at any affiliated cancer  
9 health care facility in the state.

10 C. The State Board of Health may promulgate rules as necessary  
11 to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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