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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to insurance; requiring health
8 benefit plan to provide coverage for certain health
9 care therapies; defining terms; requiring the
10 Insurance Commissioner to promulgate certain rules;
11 providing for codification; and providing an
12 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 6060.19 of Title 36, unless
16 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Any health benefit plan that is offered, issued or renewed
18 in this state on or after January 1, 2009, that provides medical and
19 surgical benefits shall provide coverage for alternative and
20 complementary health care therapies including homeopathic and
21 naturopathic medicine.

22 B. As used in this section:

23 1. "Health benefit plan" means group hospital or medical
24 insurance coverage, a not-for-profit hospital or medical service or
indemnity plan, a prepaid health plan, a health maintenance

1 organization plan, a preferred provider organization plan, the State
2 and Education Employees Group Health Insurance plan, and coverage
3 provided by a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement (MEWA) or
4 employee self-insured plan except as exempt under federal ERISA
5 provisions;

6 2. "Homeopathic medicine" is a system of healing which utilizes
7 generally accepted physical, pharmacological and homeopathic methods
8 of diagnosis and therapy, including, but not limited to, the use of
9 body mechanics, manipulative methods, and physiological
10 therapeutics; and

11 3. "Naturopathic medicine" means a system of natural health
12 care that employs diagnosis and treatment using natural therapies
13 and diagnostic techniques for the promotion, maintenance and
14 restoration of health and the prevention of illness and disease
15 including, but not limited to, eye health care, respiratory care,
16 substance abuse treatment and sexual dysfunction.

17 C. The Insurance Commissioner shall promulgate any rules
18 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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