

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 51st Legislature (2007)

3 SENATE JOINT
4 RESOLUTION 22

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Joint Resolution relating to the Breast and
8 Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment program;
9 directing the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to add
10 certain coverage; and providing an effective date.

11 WHEREAS, lymphedema is a condition which affects fifteen to
12 twenty percent (15-20%) of all women diagnosed with breast cancer
13 and occurs when fluid collects in the arm, causing it to swell; and

14 WHEREAS, mastectomies and lumpectomies for women with breast
15 cancer may also require removal of affected lymph nodes in the
16 armpit; and

17 WHEREAS, compression bandages or sleeves may be used to treat
18 symptoms of lymphedema; and

19 WHEREAS, physical therapy may be used to reduce pain and
20 maintain range of motion for women who have had lymph node removal
21 as well as for women who suffer from lymphedema; and

22 WHEREAS, compression bandages and sleeves and physical therapy
23 are not covered for women who received medical coverage under the
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1 Oklahoma Health Care Authority's Breast and Cervical Cancer
2 Prevention and Treatment program.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
4 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 51ST OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

5 SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby requests the Oklahoma Health
6 Care Authority to increase coverage for the Breast and Cervical
7 Cancer Prevention and Treatment program to include compression
8 bandages and sleeves and physical therapy.

9 SECTION 2. The Secretary of State is hereby directed to
10 distribute copies of this resolution to the Governor, the Oklahoma
11 Health Care Authority Board, and the Editor of "The Oklahoma
12 Register".

13 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2007.

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