

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1975

By: Moore, Sullivan and Tibbs
of the House

3 and

4 Brown of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to health care coverage legislation;
8 specifying time period for introduction of bills
9 mandating certain health coverage; providing
10 exception to time period for introduction; requiring
11 report assessing impacts of certain health coverage;
12 providing requirements of report; requiring actuarial
13 analysis for report; authorizing the Legislative
14 Service Bureau to enter into certain contracts;
15 providing for codification; and providing an
16 effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7011 of Title 36, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. Any bill which would mandate a health coverage or offering
22 of a health coverage by an insurer, hospital, medical, dental or
23 optometric service corporation, health care services organization or
24 any other health care service contractor as a component of
individual or group policies may be introduced according to the
applicable deadlines established by the House of Representatives or
Senate only in any odd-numbered year during the regular session.

1 Any such bill may be passed by the Legislature only during an even-
2 numbered year of the regular session. Any such bill may be
3 introduced in an even-numbered year, but shall not be considered by
4 the Legislature during that year.

5 B. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection A of this
6 section, any bill which would mandate a health coverage or offering
7 of a health coverage as provided for in subsection A of this section
8 may be introduced, considered and enacted in any year of the regular
9 session of the Legislature if such bill is introduced solely for the
10 purpose of an unforeseen emergency situation that needs to be
11 addressed immediately. Such bill shall only be considered if three-
12 fourths (3/4) of the membership of each House votes to allow the
13 bill to be considered.

14 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7012 of Title 36, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. For any bill which would mandate a health coverage or
18 offering of a health coverage by an insurer, hospital, medical,
19 dental or optometric service corporation, health care services
20 organization or any other health care service contractor as a
21 component of individual or group policies, the primary author of the
22 bill shall submit a report prepared by an actuary pursuant to
23 Section 3 of this act to the respective Senate or House of
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1 Representatives standing committee or subcommittee that has been
2 assigned to consider the proposal.

3 B. The report shall assess the financial impact of such
4 coverage, including the extent to which the coverage will increase
5 or decrease the premium and administrative expenses for
6 policyholders.

7 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7013 of Title 36, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. To the extent that information is available, the report
11 prescribed by Section 2 of this act shall include, but not be
12 limited to:

13 1. The extent to which the coverage will increase or decrease
14 the cost of the treatment or service;

15 2. The extent to which the coverage will increase the
16 appropriate use of the treatment or service;

17 3. The extent to which the mandated treatment or service will
18 be a substitute for a more expensive treatment or service;

19 4. The extent to which the coverage will increase or decrease
20 the administrative expenses of insurers and the premium and
21 administrative expenses of policyholders; and

22 5. The impact of this coverage on the total cost of health
23 care.

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1 B. An actuary who is a member of the American Academy of
2 Actuaries and who has entered into a contract pursuant to subsection
3 C of this section shall prepare the financial impact analysis
4 required by subsection A of this section and certify that the
5 analysis is consistent with accepted actuarial techniques.

6 C. The Legislative Service Bureau is authorized and directed to
7 enter into a contract with a person or entity for the purposes of
8 performing the services and duties required by this act.

9 D. The report required by Section 2 of this act shall address
10 the specific language of the proposed mandate. A report on a
11 similar bill or proposal in a different jurisdiction is insufficient
12 and does not meet the requirements of this act.

13 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

14 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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19 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2009.

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