

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE BILL 1310

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; stating
8 legislative intent; limiting certain charges by
9 emergency departments; authorizing certain fine;
10 providing for noncodification; providing for
11 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
14 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

15 It is the intent of the Legislature that:

16 1. Charges for procedures provided in emergency departments
17 should not significantly exceed the charges for the same procedure
18 provided in a non-emergent setting;

19 2. The cost of maintaining an emergency department should be
20 shared by those who desire to have an emergency department
21 available; and

22 3. The cost for maintaining an emergency department should not
23 be the sole responsibility of the users since the emergency
24 department provides value to the entire community.

1 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-700 of Title 63, unless there
3 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. An emergency department shall not charge more than the
5 average charged by non-emergent health care providers in the
6 community as determined by the State Department of Health for
7 primary care services rendered in the emergency department.

8 B. The State Department of Health may fine health care
9 facilities that violate the provisions of subsection A of this
10 section an amount equal to two times the excess charged above the
11 average charged by non-emergent health care providers in the
12 community for each violation.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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