

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 22

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to insurance; defining terms;
8 directing the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to
9 establish and maintain certain program; directing
10 health care providers to file certain charges with
11 the Authority; directing the Authority to collect
12 certain charges; authorizing the Authority to
13 override certain charges; directing the Authority to
14 submit certain payments; construing provisions;
15 requiring the Authority to promulgate certain rules;
16 creating certain revolving fund; providing for
17 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7100 of Title 36, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

24 A. For purposes of this section:

1. "Health care provider" means any person or entity who is
licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the law of this
state to administer or offer health care in the ordinary course of
business or practice of a profession; and

1 2. "Medical services" means any care, service or treatment of
2 illness or dysfunction of, or injury to, the human body including,
3 but not limited to, physician care, inpatient care, hospital
4 surgical services, emergency services, ambulance services, dental
5 care services, vision care services, mental health services,
6 substance abuse services, chiropractic services, podiatric care
7 services, laboratory services, and medical equipment and supplies.

8 B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall establish and
9 maintain a program by which the Authority will serve as
10 administrator and collector for all charges for medical services for
11 uninsured persons in the state.

12 C. Health care providers shall file all charges for medical
13 services for uninsured persons through the Authority.

14 D. The Authority shall collect such charges from uninsured
15 persons, provided, however, that the Authority has the authority to
16 override any inappropriate charge for a medical service and direct
17 such health care provider to charge a more appropriate fee to be
18 determined by the Authority.

19 E. After the Authority has collected any or all charges for a
20 medical service from an uninsured person, the Authority shall submit
21 such payment to the health care provider. The Authority is
22 authorized to keep a portion of the collection to cover
23 administrative costs.

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1 F. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that the
2 Authority is responsible for reimbursement of any unpaid charges for
3 medical services.

4 G. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board shall promulgate
5 rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 7100.1 of Title 36 , unless
8 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund
10 for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to be designated the "Medical
11 Care for the Uninsured Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a
12 continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall
13 consist of monies received by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority
14 from state and federal funds. All monies accruing to the credit of
15 the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by
16 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority for the purpose of serving as
17 administrator and collector for all charges for medical services for
18 uninsured persons in the state. Expenditures from the fund shall be
19 made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims
20 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for
21 approval and payment.

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1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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