

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE BILL 323

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health; providing  
8 legislative findings; creating the Oklahoma Plan for  
9 Comprehensive Treatment of Chronic Obstructive  
10 Pulmonary Disease Act; providing short title;  
11 directing the State Department of Health to create a  
12 COPD state plan; providing for noncodification;  
13 providing for codification; and providing an effective  
14 date.

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

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

18 The Legislature finds that:

19 1. Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) is the fourth  
20 leading cause of death in the United States;

21 2. It is estimated that 12 million Americans have COPD and  
22 another 12 million Americans are undiagnosed with the disease;

23 3. COPD causes the death of 120,000 Americans each year and  
24 costs the nation over Forty-two Billion Dollars (\$42,000,000,000.00)  
in avoidable health care costs;

1 4. In Oklahoma, the incidence of COPD is twenty-five percent  
2 (25%) higher than that national average and a leading contributor to  
3 Oklahoma's poor health status relative to the rest of the nation;

4 5. COPD contributes several hundred million dollars a year in  
5 health care costs in Oklahoma; and

6 6. COPD is preventable and treatable.

7 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in  
8 the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-450 of Title 63, unless there is  
9 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
11 Plan for Comprehensive Treatment of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary  
12 Disease Act".

13 B. The State Department of Health shall create a comprehensive  
14 chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) state plan that outlines  
15 sustainable solutions for reducing the burden of COPD in Oklahoma  
16 through the coordinated implementation of multiple strategies. These  
17 strategies shall include, without limitation, recommendations for:

18 1. The prevention and early detection of COPD to reduce the  
19 incidence of disease;

20 2. The treatment and management of COPD to ensure that health  
21 care providers offer state of the art care, including increased  
22 access to non-pharmacologic therapies for COPD;

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1        3. Increasing public awareness, patient education and proper  
2 medical management of COPD among the general public and those living  
3 with COPD; and

4        4. Improving COPD outcomes in Oklahoma through increases in COPD  
5 funding and resources as well as ongoing effective advocacy by  
6 government leaders and people with COPD.

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

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