

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 675

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety;
8 directing the State Department of Health to develop
and implement a patient advocate pilot program;
9 specifying dates of certain pilot program; stating
purpose of certain pilot program; requiring certain
10 report; directing the State Board of Health to
promulgate certain rules; providing for codification;
and providing an effective date.
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2220 of Title 63, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The State Department of Health shall develop and implement a
18 patient advocate pilot program in a rural county department of
19 health. The pilot program shall begin no later than January 1, 2010
20 and end no later than December 31, 2011.

21 B. The purpose of the patient advocate pilot program shall be
22 to designate one or more persons as patient advocates to resolve
23 medical issues and disputes and assist current and potential
24 patients with the coordination of health care solutions.

1 C. The Department shall issue a report to the Legislature on or
2 before December 31, 2011 on the patient advocate pilot program. At
3 a minimum, the report shall include:

4 1. The number of persons who utilized the services of a patient
5 advocate through the pilot program;

6 2. Information on the outcomes of the pilot program, including
7 its effect on persons who utilized the services of a patient
8 advocate through the pilot program;

9 3. Whether a statewide expansion of the pilot program would
10 improve patient outcomes; and

11 4. The projected fiscal impact of a statewide expansion of the
12 pilot program.

13 D. The State Board of Health may promulgate rules as necessary
14 to implement the provisions of this section.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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