

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED  
5 SENATE BILL NO. 1390

By: Crain of the Senate

and

6 Cox of the House

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10 An Act relating to Medicaid; amending 56 O.S. 2011,  
11 Section 1011.8, which relates to emergency room  
12 utilization among the Medicaid population; requiring  
13 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to develop certain  
14 plan; requiring the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to  
15 submit certain plan; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 1011.8, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 1011.8 A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall  
20 continue to develop and administer a program that will encourage the  
21 timely and appropriate use of primary care services in lieu of  
22 emergency room utilization. The program shall include, but not be  
23 limited to, the implementation of:

- 24 1. Educational strategies;

1 2. Technology-based monitoring; and

2 3. Co-payment structures as provided for in Section ~~3~~ 1011.3 of  
3 this ~~act~~ title.

4 B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority may develop a pilot  
5 program utilizing state-licensed health care professionals to  
6 perform educational interventions with consumers who highly utilize  
7 emergency room services or to perform other services to reduce  
8 unnecessary emergency room visits.

9 C. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall develop and  
10 implement a telephone information health line pilot program under  
11 which physicians are available by telephone twenty-four (24) hours a  
12 day to answer medical questions and provide health information for  
13 the Medicaid population. If the Health Care Authority determines  
14 that the pilot program reduces unnecessary emergency room visits and  
15 the pilot program demonstrates a net cost-savings, the Health Care  
16 Authority shall expand the program into a statewide initiative.

17 D. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall evaluate and report  
18 findings to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 2008.

19 E. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall evaluate various  
20 methods of reducing unnecessary emergency room visits and ambulance  
21 usage for nonemergency transportation and develop a written plan to  
22 encourage the timely and appropriate use of primary care services in  
23 lieu of emergency room utilization among the Medicaid population.  
24 The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall submit this plan to the

1 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives, and the Governor on or before December 31, 2012.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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