

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1554

By: Kern and Pittman of the  
House

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4 Anderson of the Senate  
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7 An Act relating to poor persons; creating the  
8 Oklahoma Options Counseling for Long-term Care  
9 Program Act; stating legislative findings; providing  
10 definitions; creating program; providing for  
11 administration; specifying program services;  
12 requiring option counseling for certain recipients;  
13 specifying act shall not implement certain federal  
14 law; providing for codification; and providing an  
15 effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.5 of Title 56, unless there  
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma  
21 Options Counseling for Long-term Care Program Act".

22 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.6 of Title 56, unless there  
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Legislature finds that access to information  
regarding all components of a long-term care support system is

1 necessary to empower the elderly and persons with disabilities in  
2 planning, evaluating, and making decisions to meet their individual  
3 long-term care support needs appropriately. This access to  
4 information shall be provided through the Options Counseling for  
5 Long-term Care Program provided by the Aging and Disability Resource  
6 Consortium and its partner community organizations. The Options  
7 Counseling for Long-term Care Program shall be designed to allow for  
8 an integrated system that facilitates navigation of the variety of  
9 private and public resources available; minimizes service  
10 fragmentation; reduces duplication of administrative paperwork  
11 procedures; enhances individual choice; supports informed decision  
12 making; and increases the cost-effectiveness of long-term care  
13 services and support systems.

14 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002.7 of Title 56, unless there  
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. As used in the Oklahoma Options Counseling for Long-term  
18 Care Program Act:

19 1. "Long-term care facility" means a nursing facility or  
20 assisted living facility;

21 2. "Options counseling for long-term care" means the process of  
22 providing services pursuant to the Oklahoma Options Counseling for  
23 Long-term Care Program within the Aging and Disability Resource  
24 Consortium (ADRC); and

1 3. "Representative" means a family member, attorney, hospital  
2 social worker, or any other person chosen by an individual to act on  
3 behalf of the individual:

4 a. seeking a long-term care consultation, or

5 b. admitted to a long-term care program or facility.

6 B. The Options Counseling for Long-term Care Program is hereby  
7 created within the Department of Human Services Aging Services  
8 Division and administered within the Aging Services Division Aging  
9 and Disability Resource Consortium.

10 C. Subject to available funding, the Options Counseling for  
11 Long-term Care Program, through its partner community agencies,  
12 shall provide individuals or their representatives, or both, with  
13 long-term care options consultation by phone or in person, which  
14 shall include at a minimum the following:

15 1. A basic review of an individual's need for information;

16 2. A review of appropriate long-term care options and costs, if  
17 available;

18 3. A review of providers who accept either public or private  
19 payment or both public and private payment for long-term care  
20 services;

21 4. A summary of factors to consider when choosing among the  
22 available programs, services, and benefits; and  
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