ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1390 By: Crain of the Senate

and

Cox of the House

[Medicaid - requirements on recipients - effective date]

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

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

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

1. Educational strategies;

2. Technology-based monitoring; and

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

B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority may develop a pilot program utilizing state-licensed health care professionals to perform educational interventions with consumers who highly utilize

emergency room services or to perform other services to reduce unnecessary emergency room visits.

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

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

E. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall evaluate various methods of reducing unnecessary emergency room visits and ambulance usage for nonemergency transportation and develop a written plan to encourage the timely and appropriate use of primary care services in lieu of emergency room utilization among the Medicaid population. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall submit this plan to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Governor on or before December 31, 2012.

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

Passed the Senate the 7th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives