

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 190

By: Aldridge of the Senate

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4 Murphey of the House

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7 An Act relating to payment rate review; amending 74  
8 O.S. 2001, Section 1306.3, which relates to the  
9 Payment Rate Review Task Force; requiring a final  
10 report to be submitted by certain date; providing  
11 that the Task Force shall cease to have force and  
12 effect of law as of certain date; and providing an  
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 1306.3, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 1306.3 A. The Joint Liaison Committee on State and  
18 Education Employees Group Insurance Benefits shall create the  
19 Payment Rate Review Task Force, which shall review all payments made  
20 to providers of medical care by the Oklahoma State and Education  
21 Employees Group Insurance Board. The Task Force shall be composed  
22 of independent experts appointed by the Joint Liaison Committee on  
23 State and Education Employees Group Insurance Benefits. The Task  
24 Force shall annually review applicable changes in payment rates

1 which will affect hospital inpatient and outpatient payment  
2 methodologies.

3 B. The Task Force shall study and make recommendations, as part  
4 of its annual report, regarding new institutional reimbursement  
5 policy and changes in each existing reimbursement policy by the  
6 Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board under  
7 which payments to an institution are made.

8 C. No later than ~~January 1 of each year~~ December 31, 2011, the  
9 Task Force shall submit a final report to the Joint Liaison  
10 Committee on State and Education Employees Group Insurance Benefits  
11 containing an examination of issues affecting health care delivery  
12 to state and education employees in Oklahoma, including issues  
13 related to:

14 1. Trends in health care costs;

15 2. The financial condition of hospitals and the effect of the  
16 payments made to hospitals under this act on such condition;

17 3. Trends in the use of health care services under the Oklahoma  
18 State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board health plans;  
19 and

20 4. New methods used by employers, insurers, and others to  
21 address the use of health care services.

22 The Task Force shall make, as part of its annual report,  
23 recommendations to the Joint Liaison Committee on State and  
24 Education Employees Group Insurance Benefits concerning appropriate

1 changes in reimbursement rates which should be used for inpatient  
2 and outpatient hospital services.

3 D. The Task Force shall consist of nine (9) members. The  
4 membership of the Task Force shall include individuals with  
5 recognized expertise in health economics, health facility  
6 management, reimbursement of health facilities or other providers of  
7 services which reflect the scope of the Task Force's  
8 responsibilities, a balance of urban and rural representatives,  
9 including hospital administrators, physicians, and registered  
10 nurses, employers, third-party payors, individuals skilled in the  
11 conduct and interpretation of biomedical, health services, and  
12 health economics research, and individuals having expertise in the  
13 research and development of technological and scientific advances in  
14 health care.

15 E. In order to identify medically appropriate patterns of  
16 health resources, the Task Force shall collect and assess  
17 information on medical and surgical procedures and services,  
18 including information on variations of medical practice and lengths  
19 of hospitalization and on other patient care data, giving special  
20 attention to treatment patterns for conditions which appear to  
21 involve excessively costly or inappropriate services not adding to  
22 the quality of care provided. The Task Force shall give special  
23 attention to the needs of updating existing diagnosis-related groups  
24 and establishing new diagnosis-related groups, to reflect

1 appropriate differences in resource consumption in delivering safe,  
2 efficacious and cost-effective care.

3 F. In order to conduct its duties, the Task Force shall have  
4 unrestricted access to all payment rate information of the Oklahoma  
5 State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board immediately upon  
6 request.

7 G. The Payment Rate Review Task Force shall cease to have the  
8 force and effect of law on January 1, 2012.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

10 Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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14 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,

15 2011.

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