

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

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

By: Crain of the Senate

and

Cox of the House

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

20 Section 1011.8 A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall
21 continue to develop and administer a program that will encourage the
22 timely and appropriate use of primary care services in lieu of
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UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 emergency room utilization. The program shall include, but not be
2 limited to, the implementation of:

- 3 1. Educational strategies;
- 4 2. Technology-based monitoring; and
- 5 3. Co-payment structures as provided for in Section ~~3~~ 1011.3 of
6 this ~~act~~ title.

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

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

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

22 E. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall evaluate various
23 methods of reducing unnecessary emergency room visits and ambulance

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1 usage for nonemergency transportation and develop a written plan to
2 encourage the timely and appropriate use of primary care services in
3 lieu of emergency room utilization among the Medicaid population.
4 The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall submit this plan to the
5 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives, and the Governor on or before December 31, 2012.

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

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9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 04/04/2012 -
10 DO PASS, As Amended.