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7 An Act relating to medical service charges for the
8 uninsured; directing the Oklahoma Health Care
9 Authority to establish and maintain certain program;
10 prohibiting certain charges; directing health care
11 providers to file certain charges with the Authority;
12 directing the Authority to collect certain charges;
13 directing the Authority to submit certain payments;
14 allowing Authority to retain certain percentage of
15 payments; construing provisions; requiring the
16 Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board to promulgate
17 certain rules; defining terms; providing for
18 codification; and providing an effective date.

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1 B. A health care provider shall be prohibited from charging an
2 uninsured patient for medical services in excess of the Medicare
3 reimbursement rate or the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Medical Fee
4 Schedule, whichever is less.

5 C. Health care providers shall file all charges for medical
6 services for uninsured persons through the Authority.

7 D. The Authority shall collect such charges from uninsured
8 persons.

9 E. After the Authority has collected any or all charges for a
10 medical service from an uninsured person, the Authority shall submit
11 such payment to the health care provider. The Authority is
12 authorized to keep a portion of the collection to cover
13 administrative costs.

14 F. Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that the
15 Authority is responsible for reimbursement of any unpaid charges for
16 medical services.

17 G. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board shall promulgate
18 rules as necessary to implement the provisions of this act.

19 H. For purposes of this section:

20 1. "Health care provider" means any person or entity who is
21 licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the law of this
22 state to administer or offer health care in the ordinary course of
23 business or practice of a profession; and
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1 2. "Medical services" means any care, service or treatment of
2 illness or dysfunction of, or injury to, the human body including,
3 but not limited to, physician care, inpatient care, hospital
4 surgical services, emergency services, ambulance services, dental
5 care services, vision care services, mental health services,
6 substance abuse services, chiropractic services, podiatric care
7 services, laboratory services, and medical equipment and supplies.

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

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