

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1390

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5 AS INTRODUCED

6 An Act relating to Medicaid; amending 56 O.S. 2011,  
7 Section 1011.8, which relates to emergency room  
8 utilization among the Medicaid population; requiring  
9 the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to develop certain  
10 plan; requiring the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to  
11 submit certain plan; and providing an effective date.

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

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

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

- 19 1. Educational strategies;  
20 2. Technology-based monitoring; and  
21 3. Co-payment structures as provided for in Section ~~3~~ 1011.3 of  
22 this ~~act~~ title.

23 B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority may develop a pilot  
24 program utilizing state-licensed health care professionals to

1 perform educational interventions with consumers who highly utilize  
2 emergency room services or to perform other services to reduce  
3 unnecessary emergency room visits.

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

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

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

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