

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1417

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to dentistry; amending 63 O.S. 2011,  
8 Section 1-2712, which relates to the Oklahoma Dental  
9 Loan Repayment Program; providing for certain  
10 advisory committee; specifying membership of certain  
11 advisory committee; modifying requirements of the  
12 Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Program; authorizing  
13 certain funds to be split; modifying review period;  
14 providing for certain additional nonfaculty awards;  
15 modifying certain requirements; and providing an  
16 effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 1-2712, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 1-2712. A. 1. The State Department of Health shall  
21 administer the Oklahoma Dental Loan Repayment Program. The  
22 Department shall appoint a five-member advisory committee to assist  
23 with the Program and make recommendations to the Department. The  
24 advisory committee shall include:

- 25 a. a representative from a statewide dental association,  
26 b. a representative from the University of Oklahoma  
27 College of Dentistry,

- 1           c.    a representative from the Oklahoma Health Care
- 2                    Authority,
- 3           d.    a representative from the Board of Dentistry, and
- 4           e.    a representative from a statewide coalition for
- 5                    children's oral health.

6           2.    The Program, depending upon available funding, shall provide  
7 educational loan repayment assistance for up to ~~five~~ twenty-five  
8 Oklahoma licensed dentists per year, including new and continuing  
9 contract renewable participants.

10           3.    Each award shall be for a contracted period and shall be  
11 distributed to the participant by drafts made payable to the  
12 participant and the appropriate loan agency in equal monthly  
13 disbursements, not to exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars  
14 (\$25,000.00) per year for a five-year period. The advisory  
15 committee may recommend splitting a yearly award amount among  
16 multiple participants in order to maximize funding availability.

17 Prior to any disbursement, the Department shall certify and properly  
18 review monthly reports submitted by the participating dentist  
19 detailing performance of activities in accordance with the Oklahoma  
20 Dental Loan Repayment Act.

21           4.    At the conclusion of ~~the two-year~~ each one-year period, the  
22 Department shall review the performance in the Program of the  
23 participating dentist and determine whether an award may be granted  
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1 for an additional ~~three (3) years~~ one-year period pursuant to rules  
2 promulgated by the ~~Department~~ State Board of Health.

3 B. ~~Four dentists each year~~ Any dentist entering the Program as  
4 a nonfaculty participant shall agree to provide dental care and  
5 services in a designated Dental Health Professional Shortage Area  
6 (DHPSA) of the state and agree to provide dental care and services  
7 to Medicaid recipients as authorized by the Oklahoma Health Care  
8 Authority. The Department shall be responsible for ensuring that at  
9 least thirty percent (30%) of the patients treated by the dentist  
10 will be Medicaid recipients.

11 C. One dentist each year entering the program shall agree to  
12 teach at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. In the  
13 event there are no appropriate faculty applicants, the advisory  
14 committee may award additional nonfaculty dentists.

15 D. A dentist shall be eligible to participate in the loan  
16 repayment program if the dentist:

- 17 1. Is a new dental school graduate. Preference will be given  
18 to graduates of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry;
- 19 2. Is licensed to practice dentistry in Oklahoma; and
- 20 3. Has demonstrated financial need.

21 E. The dentist shall execute a contract with the Department to  
22 provide dental services ~~in a designated Dental Health Professional~~  
23 ~~Shortage Area and agree that thirty percent (30%) of his or her~~

1 ~~patients will be Medicaid recipients~~ pursuant to the terms of the  
2 contract and rules promulgated by the State Board of Health.

3 F. If the dentist does not fulfill the service obligation, the  
4 Department may collect from the participant the entire amount of  
5 loan payments made under the Program plus interest.

6 G. The Department shall present a report on the operation of  
7 the Program to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of  
8 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate within  
9 one month of the beginning of each regular session of the  
10 Legislature, including but not limited to the progress made in  
11 accomplishing the goal of the Program.

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

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