

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 29

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to hospital charges; prohibiting
8 certain charges; directing the State Department of
9 Health to conduct certain review; specifying
10 conditions under which certain charges may be
11 assessed; providing for codification; and providing
12 an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-700 of Title 63, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Hospitals shall not charge for services provided to patients
18 who are readmitted to the same hospital within thirty (30) days of
19 the date of discharge until a review pursuant to subsection B of
20 this section has been conducted.

21 B. The State Department of Health shall conduct a review of the
22 readmission and determine whether or not the readmission could have
23 been prevented.
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1. If the Department determines that the readmission could have been prevented, the hospital shall be prohibited from charging the patient for any services rendered for the readmission; or

2. If the Department determines that the readmission could not have been prevented, the hospital may charge the patient for any services rendered for the readmission.

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

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