

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 SENATE BILL 36

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to patient advocacy; directing the
8 State Department of Health to develop and implement a
9 patient advocate pilot program; specifying dates of
10 certain pilot program; stating purpose of certain
11 pilot program; requiring certain report; directing
12 the State Board of Health to promulgate certain
13 rules; providing for codification; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-2220 of Title 63, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The State Department of Health shall develop and implement a
20 patient advocate pilot program in a rural county department of
21 health. The pilot program shall begin no later than January 1,
22 2012, and end no later than December 31, 2013.

23 B. The purpose of the patient advocate pilot program shall be
24 to designate one or more persons as patient advocates to resolve
25 medical issues and disputes and assist current and potential
26 patients with the coordination of health care solutions.

1 C. The Department shall issue a report to the Legislature on or
2 before December 31, 2013, on the patient advocate pilot program. At
3 a minimum, the report shall include:

4 1. The number of persons who utilized the services of a patient
5 advocate through the pilot program;

6 2. Information on the outcomes of the pilot program, including
7 its effect on persons who utilized the services of a patient
8 advocate through the pilot program;

9 3. Whether a statewide expansion of the pilot program would
10 improve patient outcomes; and

11 4. The projected fiscal impact of a statewide expansion of the
12 pilot program.

13 D. The State Board of Health may promulgate rules as necessary
14 to implement the provisions of this section.

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

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