

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 854

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to jails; requiring certain health
8 services; providing procedures for the administration
9 of medication; providing requirements for medical
reception information; defining term; providing for
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4.1 of Title 57, unless there is
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 In addition to other medical and health care services required
17 by a jail facility as may be provided by rule by the State
18 Department of Health, the person responsible for administration for
19 a jail shall administer medications according to the following:

20 1. Medications in the possession of the prisoner at the time of
21 the booking, whether prescription or over-the-counter, shall be
22 logged, counted and secured. Prescription medications shall be
23 provided to the prisoner as directed by a physician or designated
24 medical authority. The prisoner shall be observed to ensure the

1 prisoner takes the medication. The physician or designated medical
2 authority shall be particularly aware through his or her training of
3 the impact of opiate or methadone withdrawal symptoms that may occur
4 in regard to the mental and physical health of the prisoner. The
5 physician or medical authority shall prescribe and administer
6 appropriate medications to the prisoner pursuant to Section 5-204 of
7 Title 43A of the Oklahoma Statutes as the medical authority deems
8 appropriate to address those symptoms. Neither prescription nor
9 over-the-counter medications shall be kept by a prisoner in a cell
10 with the exception of prescribed nitroglycerin tablets and
11 prescription inhalers. Over-the-counter medications shall not be
12 administered without a physician's approval unless using prepackaged
13 medications.

14 2. Medical reception information shall be recorded on a printed
15 screening form approved by the physician or designated medical
16 authority which shall include inquiry into:

- 17 a. current illnesses and health problems including
- 18 medications taken and any special health requirements,
- 19 b. behavioral observation, including state of
- 20 consciousness and mental status,
- 21 c. body deformities and trauma markings such as bruises,
- 22 lesions, jaundice, and ease of body movement,
- 23 d. condition of skin and visible body orifices, including
- 24 infestations, and

1 e. disposition or referral of prisoners to qualified
2 medical personnel on an emergency basis.

3 3. For purposes of this section, "physician or other licensed
4 medical personnel" means a psychiatrist, medical doctor, osteopathic
5 physician, physician's assistant, registered nurse, licensed
6 practical nurse, emergency medical technician at the paramedical
7 level or clinical nurse specialist.

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

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