

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1019

By: Schwartz of the House

and

Marlatt of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution requesting that the Corporation Commission permit continued funding of certain telemedicine lines for certain period.

WHEREAS, telemedicine allows the delivery of mental health and substance abuse services to consumers in rural communities who, without this technology, would continue to be at a significant disadvantage due to lack of access to services; and

WHEREAS, the telehealth technology has enabled the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse facilities operated or certified by the Department to provide previously underserved areas of Oklahoma with a significant increase in access to mental health and substance abuse information and services; and

WHEREAS, through the Oklahoma TeleHealth Network, Oklahomans who were once unable to receive mental health services due to geographical, economic and workforce barriers are able to receive the care that they desire; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue telemedicine funding for facilities operated by the Department or certified as Community Mental Health Care Centers, Community-Based Structured Crisis Centers and Community Comprehensive Addiction Recovery Centers from the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund until December 31, 2014, it is necessary for the Corporation Commission to find such facilities are "eligible health care entities" as defined by the Corporation Commission in RM 201200013 in the changes to OAC 165:59-1-4 that

will be effective July 1, 2013, and therefore permit continued telemedicine funding until December 31, 2014.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature requests the Corporation Commission to continue to permit funding from the Oklahoma Universal Service Fund for "not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse facilities" as that term is defined by the Corporation Commission in Cause No. RM 201200013, OAC 165:59-1-4 for purposes of funding telemedicine lines at the level of bandwidth determined by the Commission to meet the telemedicine requirements of each facility until December 31, 2014.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 14th day of May,
2013.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 23rd day of May, 2013.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

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