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3 SENATE BILL 527

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to medical care and assistance;
8 amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 5009.2, which relates
9 to the Advisory Committee on Medical Care for Public
10 Assistance Recipients; directing the Advisory
11 Committee to establish and monitor certain pilot
12 programs related to post-traumatic stress disorder
13 and traumatic brain injury; requiring the pilot
14 programs to provide for certain workshops; providing
15 for certain funding; and providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 5009.2, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 5009.2. A. The Advisory Committee on Medical Care for
20 Public Assistance Recipients, created by the Oklahoma Health Care
21 Authority, pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section
22 431.12, for the purpose of advising the Authority about health and
23 medical care services, shall include among its membership the
24 following:

25 1. Board-certified physicians and other representatives of the
26 health professions who are familiar with the medical needs of low-

1 income population groups and with the resources available and
2 required for their care. The Advisory Committee shall, at all
3 times, include at least one physician from each of the six classes
4 of physicians listed in Section 725.2 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma
5 Statutes; provided, however, such physicians shall be participating
6 providers in the State Medicaid Plan;

7 2. Members of consumers' groups, including, but not limited to:

8 a. Medicaid recipients, and

9 b. representatives from each of the following consumer
10 organizations which represent the interests of:

11 (1) people who are economically disadvantaged,

12 (2) children,

13 (3) the elderly,

14 (4) people with mental illness,

15 (5) people who are developmentally disabled, and

16 (6) people with alcohol or substance abuse problems;

17 3. The Director of the Department of Human Services; and

18 4. A member approved and appointed by the Oklahoma Academy of
19 Pediatrics who shall:

20 a. monitor provider relations with the Oklahoma Health
21 Care Authority, and

22 b. create a forum to address grievances.

23 B. The Advisory Committee shall meet bimonthly to review and
24 make recommendations related to:

1 1. Policy development and program administration;

2 2. Policy changes proposed by the Authority prior to
3 consideration of such changes by the Authority;

4 3. Financial concerns related to the Authority and the
5 administration of the programs under the Authority; and

6 4. Other pertinent information related to the management and
7 operation of the Authority and the delivery of health and medical
8 care services.

9 C. 1. The Administrator of the Authority shall provide such
10 staff support and independent technical assistance as needed by the
11 Advisory Committee to enable the Advisory Committee to make
12 effective recommendations.

13 2. The Advisory Committee shall elect from among its members a
14 chair and a vice-chair. A majority of the members of the Advisory
15 Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but no
16 vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining members to exercise
17 all of the powers of the Advisory Committee.

18 3. Members shall not receive any compensation for their
19 services, but shall be reimbursed pursuant to the provisions of the
20 State Travel Reimbursement Act, ~~Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of~~
21 ~~the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

22 D. The Authority shall give due consideration to the comments
23 and recommendations of the Advisory Committee in the Authority's
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1 deliberations on policies, administration, management and operation
2 of the Authority.

3 E. The Advisory Committee shall establish and monitor a pilot
4 program for training caregivers providing assistance to Oklahoma
5 National Guard members suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder
6 (PTSD) and a pilot program for training caregivers providing
7 assistance to Oklahoma National Guard members suffering from
8 traumatic brain injuries (TBI). The pilot programs, in
9 collaboration with the University of Oklahoma and an organization
10 providing resources for veterans and their families, will provide
11 for two (2) training workshops for such caregivers, which may be
12 funded at up to Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) per
13 workshop.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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