

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

SENATE BILL NO. 741

By: Pugh, Standridge and
Loveless of the Senate

and

West (Tammy) of the House

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An Act relating to the Oklahoma Medicaid Program;
amending 56 O.S. 2011, Section 1011.8, which relates
to pilot programs; permitting Oklahoma Health Care
Authority and State Department of Health to develop
certain program; permitting certain collaboration;
deleting certain requirement; providing standards and
contents; directing submission of report by certain
date; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 1011.8, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 1011.8 A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority ~~shall~~
~~continue to~~ and the State Department of Health, subject to the
availability of funds, may develop and administer a program ~~that~~
~~will to~~ encourage the timely and appropriate use of primary care
services in lieu of emergency room utilization. The Authority and

1 the Department may collaborate with city-county and county health
2 departments and other relevant stakeholders in the development of
3 the program. The program ~~shall~~ may include, but not be limited to,
4 the implementation of:

5 1. Educational strategies to increase health literacy for
6 participants in the Oklahoma Medicaid Program;

7 2. Technology-based monitoring; ~~and~~

8 3. Co-payment structures ~~as provided for in Section 3 of this~~
9 ~~act~~ and other payment arrangements; and

10 4. Other policy proposals to improve the delivery of health
11 care services to Medicaid enrollees.

12 B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority may develop a pilot
13 program utilizing state-licensed health care professionals to
14 perform educational interventions with consumers who highly utilize
15 emergency room services or to perform other services to reduce
16 unnecessary emergency room visits.

17 C. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall develop and
18 implement a telephone information health line pilot program under
19 which physicians are available by telephone twenty-four (24) hours a
20 day to answer medical questions and provide health information for
21 the Medicaid population. If the Health Care Authority determines
22 that the pilot program reduces unnecessary emergency room visits and
23 the pilot program demonstrates a net cost-savings, the Health Care
24 Authority shall expand the program into a statewide initiative.

1 D. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the State Department
2 of Health shall evaluate and report findings relevant to the
3 provisions of subsection A of this section to the Governor and the
4 Legislature by January 1, ~~2008~~ 2019.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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