

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE BILL 1709

 By: Ritze of the House

5 and

6 Yen of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to insurance; prohibiting an
11 insurance company from requiring practitioners to be
12 granted hospital privileges or join a hospital staff;
 providing for codification; and providing an
 effective date.

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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 6020 of Title 36, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. An insurer shall not require a practitioner to be granted
20 privileges by any hospital to admit inpatients or join any hospital
21 staff as a condition precedent to the inclusion of the practitioner
22 as a provider under the insurance network or plan or to the payment
23 or reimbursement of a claim under the policy, certificate or
24 contract.

1 B. For purposes of this section:

2 1. "Hospital" means any institution, place, building or agency
3 in this state, public or private, whether organized for profit or
4 not, devoted primarily to the maintenance and operation of
5 facilities for the diagnosis, treatment or care of patients admitted
6 for overnight stay or longer in order to obtain medical care,
7 surgical care, obstetrical care, or nursing care for illness,
8 disease, injury, infirmity, or deformity.

9 2. "Insurer" means any entity that provides an accident and
10 health insurance policy in this state, including but not limited to
11 a licensed insurance company, a not-for-profit hospital service
12 and/or medical indemnity corporation, a fraternal benefit society, a
13 multiple employer welfare arrangement or any other entity subject to
14 regulation by the Insurance Commissioner;

15 3. "Insurance network or plan" means a network or plan where
16 practitioners have entered into a contract with an insurer to
17 provide health care services under the terms and conditions
18 established in the contract; and

19 4. "Practitioner" means any person holding a valid license to
20 practice medicine and admit inpatients to hospitals in this state.

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

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/08/2017 -
24 DO PASS, As Coauthored.