

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1157</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>SAHB</b>
<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>NA</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>OID: \$0 anticipated. OMES/EGID: \$0 anticipated.</b>

**Research Analysis**

The senate amendments to HB1157 modify the definitions of *health care agent*, *health insurance plan*, and *health insurer*. The amendment allows for insurers and insurance plans to charge a provider a reasonable fee for the costs associated with transmitting electronic payments if the provider consents to the fee.

HB1157 requires that healthcare providers accept multiple methods of payment from an insurer or health maintenance organization, including payment by credit card, beginning with plans in 2020. The measure also directs that in the case of payment by electronic funds transfer, the insurer will notify the healthcare provider of any fees associated with the payment method and advise the healthcare provider of available payment methods. The measure does not allow a contract to waive the provisions of this act. The measure further directs the Insurance Commissioner to enforce violations of this act.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

After analysis, the measure relating to insurance, allows provisions for health care providers to choose a method of reimbursement. There is \$0 fiscal impact anticipated to the Oklahoma Insurance Department, nor to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services/Employees Group Insurance Division.

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**Other Considerations**

None.