

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 HOUSE BILL 3538

By: Moore

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Health Care
8 Authority; defining term; directing the Oklahoma
9 Health Care Authority to implement a rural health
10 care funding pilot program; providing requirements of
11 program; directing the Governor to appoint an
Executive Director; providing for quarterly meetings;
directing the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to
promulgate rules; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1010.14 of Title 56, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. As used in this section, "rural county" means a county with
19 a population of less than thirty thousand (30,000) according to the
20 most recent Federal Decennial Census with annual population
21 estimates.

22 B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall develop and
23 implement a rural health care funding pilot program to support
24 access to health care and health care facilities in rural counties

1 in the state. The program shall focus on the use of Medicaid
2 reimbursements and state appropriations to the Oklahoma Health Care
3 Authority. The pilot program shall:

4 1. Evaluate the existing systems in which medical services are
5 delivered in rural counties;

6 2. Identify the rural counties with reduced access to health
7 care facilities and health care providers;

8 3. Evaluate the screening mechanisms for Medicaid recipients
9 seeking health care services;

10 4. Assess the administrative and duplicative expenses;

11 5. Examine the role of the State Department of Health and
12 county health departments' delivery systems;

13 6. Determine the feasibility of statewide expansion of the
14 program;

15 7. Evaluate the use of state appropriations and federally
16 matched Medicaid dollars to deliver health care services; and

17 8. Develop methods for coordinating state and local services
18 and the use of available funds to assist health care facilities in
19 providing access to health care in rural counties.

20 C. The Governor shall appoint an Executive Director for the
21 rural health care funding pilot program.

22 D. The Executive Director shall meet quarterly with a
23 representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of
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1 Representatives and a representative appointed by the President Pro
2 Tempore of the Senate to review the status of the pilot program.

3 E. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall promulgate rules as
4 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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