

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1841

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to health care facilities; defining  
8 terms; imposing certain requirements on laboratory  
9 testing centers and imaging centers related to  
10 pricing; requiring the State Department of Health to  
11 compile, publish and update certain information on  
12 website; requiring physicians to provide certain  
13 information to patient; providing for codification;  
14 and providing an effective date.

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 1-725 of Title 63, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. As used in this section:

20 1. "Charge description master" means a uniform schedule of  
21 charges represented by the laboratory testing center or imaging  
22 center as its gross billed charge for a given service or item,  
23 regardless of payer type;

24 2. "Imaging center" means a health care facility registered by  
the State Department of Health that receives a majority of its

1 income from payments for imaging tests and related services or  
2 items;

3 3. "Imaging test" means a test used to create detailed images  
4 of areas inside the human body in order to screen for possible  
5 health conditions, diagnose the likely cause of existing symptoms,  
6 or monitor health conditions that have been diagnosed or the effects  
7 of treatment on the conditions. Imaging tests shall include, but  
8 not be limited to, an X-ray, computed tomography scan, magnetic  
9 resonance imaging or ultrasound;

10 4. "Laboratory test" means a test that examines a sample of  
11 urine, blood or body tissue to determine if results fall within a  
12 normal range in order to screen for possible health conditions,  
13 diagnose the likely cause of existing symptoms, or monitor health  
14 conditions that have been diagnosed or the effects of treatment on  
15 the conditions; and

16 5. "Laboratory testing center" means a health care facility  
17 registered by the State Department of Health that receives a  
18 majority of its income from payments for laboratory tests and  
19 related services or items.

20 B. A laboratory testing center or imaging center shall make an  
21 electronic copy of its current charge description master available  
22 on the center's website. Additionally, the laboratory testing  
23 center or imaging center shall provide the State Department of  
24 Health with such supplemental information as is necessary for the

1 Department to carry out the duties prescribed by subsection C of  
2 this section. The laboratory testing center or imaging center shall  
3 promptly notify the Department of any changes to the center's charge  
4 description master.

5 C. The Department shall compile and publish on its website a  
6 database of easily understood comparative pricing information of all  
7 laboratory testing centers and imaging centers in this state. The  
8 database shall include the name and address of each laboratory  
9 testing center or imaging center, and a price list of each  
10 laboratory test or imaging test offered by the center. When the  
11 Department receives a notification of a change to the charge  
12 description master of a laboratory testing center or imaging center,  
13 the Department shall promptly update the database on the  
14 Department's website accordingly.

15 D. A physician who writes an order for a laboratory test or  
16 imaging test shall provide the patient with a comparison of the cost  
17 of the test at the fifteen (15) laboratory testing centers or  
18 imaging centers, as appropriate, closest to the physician's clinic  
19 based on information from the website created under subsection C of  
20 this section.

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

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