

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 216

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to insurance; amending 36 O.S. 2011, Section 1219.5, which relates to modification of existing coverage; prohibiting certain changes to policy benefits; providing certain exception; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 36 O.S. 2011, Section 1219.5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1219.5. A. No insurer shall modify a group or individual policy of existing coverage for accident and health, including but not limited to the removal of a patient's medical provider, from their network at any time while the policy is in force, except as provided in subsection B of this section, or issue new coverage under an accident and health insurance policy unless written consent for such modification or issuance is obtained from the policyholder. ~~However, this~~

B. An insurer may remove a patient's medical provider from the insurer's network contract in the case of medical malpractice,

1 billing and collection violations determined by the provider
2 agreement or a violation of ethical standards as set forth by the
3 State Department of Health.

4 C. This section shall not be construed as prohibiting a
5 modification that is provided for in an existing policy that has
6 been filed and approved by the Insurance Commissioner.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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