

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1808

By: Bennett

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health care; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 5000.24, which relates to Medicaid; directing the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to implement a Medicaid Buy-In Program; removing certain contingency; modifying components; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 5000.24, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5000.24 A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority, following directives of and upon approval of the Health Care Financing Administration, is directed to implement a Medicaid Buy-In Program ~~for persons with disabilities, if funds become available.~~ Components of such program shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Allowing individuals ~~with disabilities who are sixteen (16) years of age and over, but under sixty-five (65) years of age, and who, except for earned income, would be eligible to receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, regardless of whether they have ever received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cash~~

1 ~~benefits, the option of purchasing Medicaid coverage that will~~
2 ~~enable individuals with disabilities to gain and/or maintain~~
3 ~~employment and reduce their dependency on existing cash benefit~~
4 ~~programs;~~

5 2. ~~Removing work disincentives that inhibit individuals with~~
6 ~~disabilities from engaging in work that is commensurate with their~~
7 ~~abilities and capabilities~~ Reducing deductibles;

8 3. ~~Developing an infrastructure within and outside state~~
9 ~~government that supports efforts to enhance employment opportunities~~
10 ~~for individuals with disabilities~~ Maximizing services available
11 before deductibles; and

12 4. ~~Ensuring meaningful input in the design, implementation, and~~
13 ~~evaluation of programs, policies, and procedures developed under~~
14 ~~such program by individuals with disabilities and other interested~~
15 ~~parties~~ Providing predictable cost sharing;

16 5. Maximizing subsidies;

17 6. Limiting adverse premium impacts;

18 7. Reducing barriers to maintaining and improving health;

19 8. Encouraging choice based on value; and

20 9. Limiting increases in health premium rates.

21 B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board shall promulgate
22 any rules necessary to implement ~~provisions of the Oklahoma Ticket~~
23 ~~to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act regarding the Medicaid~~
24 Buy-In Program.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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