

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	SB 462
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Impact:	Minimal

Research Analysis

SB 462 creates the Oklahoma Right to Shop Act. The measure authorizes insurance carriers to offer a shared savings incentive program to provide incentives to enrollees when enrollees obtain a comparable health care service that is covered by the carrier from providers that charge less than the average allowed amount paid by that carrier to network providers for comparable health care services.

The measure authorizes incentives to be calculated as a percentage of the difference in allowed amounts to the average, as a flat dollar amount, or by any other method approved by the Insurance Department. The measure establishes requirements of the shared savings incentive program. Carriers that establish such a program must submit an annual report to the Insurance Commissioner 90 days after the close of each health benefit plan year. Enrollees are not required to participate in a shared savings incentive program.

The measure requires the Insurance Department to promulgate rules for the Oklahoma Right to Shop Act.

The Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) is required to conduct an analysis of the cost effectiveness of implementing a shared savings incentive program for current enrollees of the Oklahoma Employees Insurance Plan no later than November 1, 2022. If the program is found to be cost-effective, the measure requires it to be implemented as part of the next open enrollment. OMES is also required to communicate the rationale for its decision to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairs of the relevant legislative committees in writing.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 462 creates the Oklahoma Right to Shop Act as relating to insurance. Officials at the Oklahoma Insurance Department believe it will create a minimal fiscal impact for the agency. Officials at the Office of Management and Enterprise Services are currently unsure of the fiscal impact due to unknown variables within the measure. OMES officials have said they will work closely with OID to work on the changes, and that OMES does not believe the measure will cause any issues or negative impacts to the HealthChoice plan for State employees. As OID is a nonappropriated agency, and OMES, while appropriated does not currently know the full extent of the fiscal impact, there is likely to be a minimal fiscal impact to the State.

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Other Considerations

None.

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