

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1573

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health; amending 63 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 5000.24, which relates to the Medicaid  
9 Buy-In Program; removing funding contingency; and  
10 providing an effective date.

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

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

14 Section 5000.24. A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority,  
15 following directives of and upon approval of the Health Care  
16 Financing Administration, is directed to implement a Medicaid Buy-In  
17 Program for persons with disabilities, ~~if funds become available.~~

18 Components of such program shall include, but not be limited to:

19 1. Allowing individuals with disabilities who are sixteen (16)  
20 years of age and over, but under sixty-five (65) years of age, and  
21 who, except for earned income, would be eligible to receive  
22 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits, regardless of whether  
23 they have ever received Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cash  
24 benefits, the option of purchasing Medicaid coverage that will

1 enable individuals with disabilities to gain and/or maintain  
2 employment and reduce their dependency on existing cash benefit  
3 programs;

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

7 3. Developing an infrastructure within and outside state  
8 government that supports efforts to enhance employment opportunities  
9 for individuals with disabilities; and

10 4. Ensuring meaningful input in the design, implementation, and  
11 evaluation of programs, policies, and procedures developed under  
12 such program by individuals with disabilities and other interested  
13 parties.

14 B. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board shall promulgate  
15 any rules necessary to implement provisions of the Oklahoma Ticket  
16 to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act regarding the Medicaid  
17 Buy-In Program.

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

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