

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3980

By: Echols

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to Medicaid; defining terms;  
providing hospice coverage for Medicaid members;  
stating requirements for coverage; providing for  
codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1011.25 of Title 56, unless  
there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this act, "hospice care" means a comprehensive,  
holistic program of palliative and/or comfort care and support  
provided to the member and his or her family when a physician  
certifies that the member has a terminal illness and has a life  
expectancy of six (6) months or less.

1. Hospice services must be related to the palliation and  
management of the member's illness, symptom control, or to enable  
the individual to maintain activities of daily living and basic  
functional skills; and

1        2. Hospice care is performed under the direction of a physician  
2 as per the member's plan of care in an approved hospital hospice  
3 facility, in-home hospice program, or nursing facility.

4        B. 1. Coverage for hospice services shall be provided to all  
5 Medicaid eligible members.

6        2. Hospice care eligibility requires physician certification  
7 that the member is terminally ill and includes a medical prognosis  
8 with a life expectancy of six (6) months or less if the illness runs  
9 its normal course. The terminal prognosis also must be supported by  
10 clinical documentation in the medical record.

11        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

12

13        59-2-10399        TJ        02/22/24

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24