

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 3980

By: Echols, Pae, Menz, and  
Rosecrants of the House

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4 Stanley of the Senate  
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8 An Act relating to Medicaid; defining terms;  
9 providing hospice coverage for Medicaid members;  
10 stating requirements for coverage; providing for  
11 codification; and providing an effective date.  
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

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

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

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

6 B. 1. Coverage for hospice services shall be provided to all  
7 Medicaid eligible members.

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

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

14 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2024.

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17 Presiding Officer of the House  
18 of Representatives

19 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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