

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3980

By: Echols

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8                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 02/22/2024 -  
16 DO PASS, As Amended.