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April 18, 2024

AS AMENDED

BILL NO. 3980

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

and

Stanley of the Senate

[Medicaid - hospice coverage - requirements -
codification - 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 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
13 April 18, 2024 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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