

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3238

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; defining terms; designating the Oklahoma Health Care Authority as the state administering agency for PACE program agreements; authorizing the Authority to enter into PACE program agreements; requiring enforcement of certain federal laws and regulations; authorizing the Authority to enter into certain agreements with the State Department of Health; directing the Department to create and issue certain license; stating minimum licensure requirements; directing monitoring of PACE organizations; prohibiting certain regulation; authorizing certain action for noncompliance; directing promulgation of rules; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-872, which relates to the Adult Day Care Act; modifying definition; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-1961, which relates to the Home Care Act; modifying definition; updating statutory language; 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 1017.7 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1        1. "PACE" shall mean the program of all-inclusive care for the  
2 elderly; and

3        2. The terms "PACE program agreement", "PACE organization", and  
4 "state administering agency" shall have the same meaning as provided  
5 by 42 C.F.R., Section 460.6.

6        B. 1. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall serve as the  
7 state administering agency responsible for administering PACE  
8 program agreements under 42 C.F.R., Part 460, Subpart C. The  
9 Authority may enter into PACE program agreements with PACE  
10 organizations and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

11        2. The Authority shall enforce applicable federal laws and  
12 regulations governing PACE organizations, including, but not limited  
13 to, regulations of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
14 codified at 42 C.F.R., Part 460. The Authority may enter into an  
15 agreement with the State Department of Health to carry out any  
16 duties or functions of the state administering agency under 42  
17 C.F.R., Part 460 or other applicable federal laws or regulations.

18        C. 1. The State Department of Health shall create and issue to  
19 qualifying applicants a license for PACE organizations. Qualifying  
20 PACE organizations shall at a minimum meet all requirements of 42  
21 C.F.R., Part 460, Subpart B.

22        2. The Department shall perform onsite visits and other  
23 necessary monitoring of PACE organizations under 42 C.F.R., Part  
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1 460, Subpart K and as provided by the agreement with the Authority  
2 described in paragraph 2 of subsection B of this section.

3 3. The Department shall not license or regulate PACE  
4 organizations under the Home Care Act, the Adult Day Care Act, or  
5 any other act that governs a different type of facility or provider.

6 4. The Department may, in cooperation with the Centers for  
7 Medicare and Medicaid Services and as provided by the agreement with  
8 the Authority described in paragraph 2 of subsection B of this  
9 section, take action against noncompliant PACE organizations under  
10 42 C.F.R., Part 460, Subpart D.

11 D. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board and the State  
12 Commissioner of Health shall promulgate rules to implement this  
13 section.

14 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-872, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1-872. As used in the Adult Day Care Act:

17 1. "Adult day care center" or "center" means a facility which  
18 provides basic day care services to unrelated impaired adults for  
19 more than four (4) hours in a twenty-four-hour period. A center  
20 shall be a distinct entity, either freestanding or a separate  
21 program of a larger organization. A center shall have a separately  
22 verifiable staff, space, budget and participant record system. The  
23 terms "adult day care center" or "center" shall not include  
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1 retirement centers ~~and~~, senior citizen centers, or PACE  
2 organizations as defined by 42 C.F.R., Section 460.6;

3 2. "Basic day care services" means supervised health, social  
4 supportive, and recreational services in a structured daytime  
5 program which serves functionally impaired adults who continue to  
6 live in their own homes, usually with the aid of family care givers;

7 3. "Department" means the State Department of Health; and

8 4. "Participant" means any person attending an adult day care  
9 center.

10 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-1961, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 1-1961. As used in the Home Care Act:

13 1. "Board" means the State Board of Health;

14 2. "Certification" means verification of appropriate training  
15 and competence established by the State Commissioner of Health by  
16 rules promulgated pursuant to the Home Care Act for home health  
17 aides and home care agency administrators;

18 3. "Department" means the State Department of Health;

19 4. "Healthcare provider" means a physician, physician assistant  
20 or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse recognized by the Oklahoma  
21 Board of Nursing as a Certified Nurse Practitioner or a Clinical  
22 Nurse Specialist;

23 5. "Home care agency" means any sole proprietorship,  
24 partnership, association, corporation or other organization which  
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1 administers, offers or provides home care services, for a fee or  
2 pursuant to a contract for such services, to clients in their place  
3 of residence. The term "home care agency" shall not include:

- 4 a. individuals who contract with the Department of Human  
5 Services to provide personal care services, provided  
6 such individuals shall not be exempt from  
7 certification as home health aides,
- 8 b. organizations that contract with the Oklahoma Health  
9 Care Authority as Intermediary Services Organizations  
10 (ISO) to provide federal Internal Revenue Service  
11 fiscal and supportive services to Consumer-Directed  
12 Personal Assistance Supports and Services (CD-PASS)  
13 waiver program participants who have employer  
14 responsibility for hiring, training, directing and  
15 managing an individual personal care attendant, ~~or~~
- 16 c. CD-PASS waiver program employer participants, or
- 17 d. PACE organizations as defined by 42 C.F.R., Section  
18 460.6;

19 6. "Home care services" means skilled or personal care services  
20 provided to clients in their place of residence for a fee;

21 7. "Home health aide" means an individual who provides personal  
22 care to clients in their temporary or permanent place of residence  
23 for a fee;

1       8. "Home care agency administrator" means a person who  
2 operates, manages, or supervises, or is in charge of a home care  
3 agency;

4       9. "Personal care" means assistance with dressing, bathing,  
5 ambulation, exercise or other personal needs;

6       10. "Skilled care" means home care services performed on a  
7 regular basis by a trained Respiratory Therapist/Technician or by a  
8 person currently licensed by this state including but not limited to  
9 a Licensed Practical Nurse, Registered Nurse, Physical Therapist,  
10 Occupational Therapist, Speech Therapist, or Social Worker;

11       11. "Standby assistance" means supervision of client directed  
12 activities with verbal prompting and infrequent, incidental hands-on  
13 intervention only; and

14       12. "Supportive home assistant" means an individual employed by  
15 a home care agency who provides standby assistance to ambulatory  
16 clients, in conjunction with other companionship or homemaker  
17 services, in the temporary or permanent place of residence of the  
18 client for a fee.

19       SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.  
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