

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 3980
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Impact:	FY-25: \$8,778.67
	FY-26+: \$13,168

Research Analysis

The committee substitute to House Bill 3980 defines "hospice care" as a comprehensive program of palliative and comfort care provided to individuals with a terminal illness and a life expectancy of six months or less. The measure requires that care be related to symptom management and activities of daily living and is directed by a physician. Coverage for hospice services is mandated for all eligible Medicaid members, contingent upon physician certification of terminal illness and documentation supporting the prognosis.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 3980 requires Medicaid coverage for hospice care services to all members upon a physician certifying the individual is terminally ill with six (6) months or less to live.

The individuals affected by the passing of this measure are non-expansion and non Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) adults, otherwise known as parent caretakers.

Based on one hundred thirty-six thousand one hundred thirty-eight (136,138) parent caretakers served in SFY-23, officials from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) anticipate a total annual cost of forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000) to expand coverage to these individuals. In its current form, the fiscal impact to the state is anticipated to be eight thousand seven hundred seventy-eight dollars and sixty seven cents (\$8,778.67) for FY-25 and thirteen thousand one hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$13,168) for FY-26+.

- FY-25: $\$40,000 * (1 - .6708\%) = \$13,168$ annually $*(8/12) = \$8,778.67$

The committee substitute does not affect the fiscal impact of this measure.

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Other Considerations

None.

