

**BILL SUMMARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 3980</b>
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<b>Request Number:</b>	<b>9884</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>FY-25: \$8,778.67</b>
	<b>FY-26+: \$13,168</b>

**Research Analysis**

The proposed 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  $*(8/12) = \$8,778.67$

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**Other Considerations**

None.