

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1581

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8 An Act relating to children; amending 10A O.S. 2021,
9 Sections 1-9-104 and 1-9-104a, which relates to the
10 Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account; authorizing
11 the Department of Human Services to allocate monies
12 directly or through a contracted entity; modifying
13 provisions related to the disbursement of funds by
14 the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth;
15 removing requirement to provide monthly
16 documentation; authorizing the Department to enter
17 into a contract with an eligible entity; modifying
18 date; authorizing the Department or an entity the
19 Department is contracted with to administer the Child
20 Abuse Multidisciplinary Account fund; authorizing a
21 qualifying entity to contract with eligible
22 providers; and providing an effective date.

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

24 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-9-104, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 1-9-104. A. The Department of Human Services shall
allocate monies available in the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary
Account (CAMA), either directly or through a contracted entity, to:

1 1. The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Account (CAMTA) Fund
2 created by Section 1-9-103a of this title. Monies made available to
3 the CAMTA shall be used for the purposes of funding one functioning
4 freestanding multidisciplinary child abuse team in each county of
5 this state, utilizing the funding distributions as provided in
6 subsection B of this section;

7 2. One hospital team pursuant to subsection E of Section 1-9-
8 102 of this title; and

9 3. One child advocacy center, accredited by the National
10 Children's Alliance, per district attorney's district. A child
11 advocacy center shall:

12 a. be eligible for Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account
13 (CAMA) funding upon accreditation by the National
14 Children's Alliance,

15 b. secure a third-year interim review to determine
16 whether the child advocacy center continues to meet
17 the National Children's Alliance standards in effect
18 at the time of its last accreditation. If a child
19 advocacy center fails the third-year review, the
20 center shall remain eligible for CAMA funding, but
21 shall have another review conducted in the fourth
22 year. If the child advocacy center fails the fourth-
23 year review, the center shall be ineligible to receive
24 CAMA funding until such time as the center receives

1 reaccreditation from the National Children's Alliance,
2 and

3 c. remain the center for the district attorney's district
4 as long as the center is accredited and eligibility is
5 maintained pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-9-
6 102 of this title. If a center does not remain
7 eligible pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-9-102
8 of this title, endorsement by the district attorney as
9 the child advocacy center for the district may be
10 sought by any entity beginning with the calendar year
11 after the center is determined to be ineligible. The
12 two centers in district number (4) and district number
13 (13) that were accredited as of May 17, 2005, shall
14 continue to receive funding at the nonurban level.
15 Should one of the exempted centers close or no longer
16 meet the criteria for a child advocacy center pursuant
17 to the provisions of Section 1-9-102 of this title,
18 the center shall not be allowed to reopen in that
19 district or to receive CAMA funds. The remaining
20 center shall become the sole child advocacy center for
21 the district attorney's district.

22 B. Funding distribution pursuant to the provisions of this
23 section shall be determined:

1 1. By multiplying the number of applicants in each category by
2 the corresponding weight as follows:

- 3 a. freestanding multidisciplinary child abuse team - 1,
- 4 b. hospital team - 1,
- 5 c. nonurban centers - 4,
- 6 d. mid-level nonurban centers - 6, and
- 7 e. urban centers - 24;

8 2. Adding together the weighted results for all categories;

9 3. Dividing the weighted result for each category by the sum of
10 the weighted results for all categories; and

11 4. Equally distributing funding to each applicant in the
12 corresponding category based on the amounts obtained by multiplying
13 the total available funding by the calculated percentages. The
14 total amount for all freestanding multidisciplinary teams as
15 determined by the formula provided in this subsection shall be
16 transferred to the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Account
17 (CAMTA) Fund established by Section 1-9-103a of this title and
18 contracts with each freestanding multidisciplinary team shall be
19 completed no later than January 1 of each year.

20 ~~During state fiscal year 2019, the Oklahoma Commission on Children~~
21 ~~and Youth may disburse to each freestanding multidisciplinary team~~
22 ~~the remaining contracted amount of the freestanding~~
23 ~~multidisciplinary team award. The freestanding multidisciplinary~~
24 ~~team shall provide the Commission with monthly documentation of~~

1 ~~expenses as well as activity data and continue providing such~~
2 ~~documentation thereafter. Beginning January 1, 2020, and each year~~
3 ~~thereafter, the Commission may disburse the contracted amount at the~~
4 ~~beginning of the calendar year to freestanding multidisciplinary~~
5 ~~teams that are functioning effectively as determined by the~~
6 ~~Commission pursuant to Section 1-9-102 of this title.~~

7 C. The Department is authorized to enter into a contract with
8 an eligible entity identified as a nationally accredited association
9 of Children's Advocacy Centers to administer and disburse funds from
10 the CAMA fund. By January 31, ~~2003~~ 2027, and by January 31 of each
11 year thereafter, the Department, directly or through its contracted
12 entity, shall disburse monies from the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary
13 Account to eligible child advocacy centers. A child advocacy center
14 shall be in compliance with the provisions of Section 1-9-102 of
15 this title to be eligible for Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account
16 funding. The disbursement shall be a single, annual disbursement,
17 for the collection period of the preceding year beginning October 1
18 through September 30.

19 D. A report issued by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and
20 Youth to the Oklahoma Legislature outlining performance measures for
21 all multidisciplinary teams, including those associated with child
22 advocacy centers, and recommendations on the funding formula
23 provided for in this section shall be transmitted to the Oklahoma
24 Legislature no later than December 31, 2017. The Department, the

1 Commission, and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Oklahoma, Inc.,
2 shall meet annually to review and certify the amount of CAMA and
3 CAMTA funds to be disbursed.

4 E. A child advocacy center may carry over funding for a period
5 of one (1) year after allocation, such one-year period to begin in
6 January and end in December of the same year; provided, however,
7 funds not used within twenty-four (24) months of the original
8 allocation will be deducted from the contract amount for the next
9 contract year. If a center is ineligible for funding in an upcoming
10 year, unused funds from the current or previous years shall be
11 returned to the CAMA Fund for use in subsequent years. Funds not
12 used by a freestanding team by the end of the contract period shall
13 revert to, and be deposited in, the CAMA Fund.

14 F. The Commission is hereby authorized to receive five percent
15 (5.0%) in administrative costs from the CAMTA Fund. The Department
16 of Human Services is hereby authorized to receive one-half of one
17 percent (0.5%) in administrative costs from the CAMA fund. The
18 Department is authorized to administer the CAMA fund or to enter
19 into a contract with an eligible entity that is a nationally
20 accredited association of Children's Advocacy Centers for the
21 administration of the fund.

22 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2021, Section 1-9-104a,
23 is amended to read as follows:

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1 Section 1-9-104a. The ~~Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth~~
2 ~~shall~~ Department of Human Services is authorized to contract with a
3 qualifying entity that is a nationally accredited state chapter of
4 Oklahoma Children's Advocacy Centers to administer Child Abuse
5 Multidisciplinary Account funds, and such qualifying entity may
6 contract with eligible providers as authorized by this act.

7 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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