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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2947

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An Act relating to behavioral health; defining terms; directing the Medicaid program to expand services; providing scope of practice for behavioral health clinical interns; requiring behavioral health interns to comply with all administrative requirements; 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 15-101 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this section:

1. "Behavioral health clinical intern" means a graduate student enrolled in a nationally accredited clinical training program that meets minimum credentials for service provided or code billed;

2. "Clinical training program" means programs of study that are nationally accredited master's or doctoral programs preparing students for the licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT),

1 licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed clinical social
2 worker (LCSW), licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC), or
3 psychologist state licensures to practice;

4 3. "Licensed behavioral health provider" means a behavioral
5 health professional that is a licensed professional counselor (LPC),
6 licensed family and marital therapist (LFMT), licensed behavioral
7 practitioner (LBP), licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), licensed
8 alcohol and drug counselor (LADC), or licensed psychologist; and

9 4. "Nationally accredited program" means that the training
10 program has met all training standards to hold an active
11 accreditation aligned with the discipline of study, including but
12 not limited to, the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and
13 Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE), the Council for Accreditation of
14 Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the Council on
15 Social Work Education (CSWE), or the American Psychological
16 Association (APA).

17 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 15-102 of Title 43A, unless
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 The Oklahoma Medicaid Plan administrator shall expand services
21 by adding a provider code for master's and doctoral level behavioral
22 health clinical interns.

23 Behavioral health clinical intern providers shall only provide
24 services billable through clinical sites that are accredited in good

standing with behavioral health services site accreditations such as: the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF), The Joint Commission, the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Level of Care Certification, program certification through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Council on Accreditation (COA) or other national behavioral health service site accrediting body.

Behavioral health clinical interns may provide services within their clinical scope of practice under the on-site supervision of a licensed behavioral health provider. On-site supervisors may only supervise six (6) or fewer behavioral health clinical interns at any time.

Behavioral health clinical interns shall comply with all registration, training, documentation, and protocols required of other behavioral health providers in the Oklahoma Medicaid plan.

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

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