

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 4423

7 By: Hilbert

8 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Health Care
10 Authority; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 5006, which
11 relates to the Authority's powers and duties;
12 requiring the Authority to use certain federal
13 immigration reporting systems; requiring the
14 Authority to report certain applicants to the Office
15 of the Attorney General; requiring the Office to
16 review cases; requiring notification of Immigration
17 and Customs Enforcement in certain circumstances; and
18 providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 5006, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 5006. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Health
23 Care Authority. The Authority shall have the power and duty to:

24 1. Purchase health care benefits for Medicaid recipients, and
others who are dependent on the state for necessary medical care, as
specifically authorized by law;

1 2. Enter into contracts for the delivery of state-purchased
2 health care and establish standards and criteria which must be met
3 by entities to be eligible to contract with the Authority for the
4 delivery of state-purchased health care;

5 3. Develop a proposed standard basic health care benefits
6 package or packages to be offered by health services providers, for
7 Medicaid recipients;

8 4. Study all matters connected with the provision of state-
9 purchased and state-subsidized health care coverage;

10 5. Develop and submit plans, reports and proposals, provide
11 information and analyze areas of public and private health care
12 interaction pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Health Care
13 Authority Act;

14 6. Serve as a resource for information on state-purchased and
15 state-subsidized health care access, cost containment and related
16 health issues;

17 7. Administer programs and enforce laws placed under the
18 jurisdiction of the Authority pursuant to the Oklahoma Health Care
19 Authority Act, and such other duties prescribed by law;

20 8. Collaborate with and assist the Insurance Commissioner in
21 the development of a Uniform Claim Processing System for use by
22 third-party payors and health care providers;

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1 9. Collaborate with and assist the State Department of Health
2 with the development of licensure standards and criteria for ~~pre-~~
3 ~~paid~~ prepaid health plans; and

4 10. Exercise all incidental powers which are necessary and
5 proper to carry out the purposes of the Oklahoma Health Care
6 Authority Act.

7 B. 1. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall verify a
8 Medicaid applicant's status by utilizing the United States
9 Citizenship and Immigration Services' Systematic Alien Verification
10 for Entitlements (SAVE) system. An applicant's legal status in the
11 United States shall be confirmed prior to an applicant receiving
12 benefits conferred by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

13 2. Upon final determination that an applicant's SAVE status
14 does not indicate the person is lawfully in the United States, the
15 Authority shall notify the Office of the Attorney General. The
16 Office shall review the case and shall notify the United States
17 Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency if an applicant's legal
18 presence in the United States is unverifiable.

19 3. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall post a notice on
20 its website providing information about Medicaid programs and on its
21 application portal notifying applicants that their immigration
22 status will be reviewed and if unverified the United States
23 Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency will be notified.
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1 C. All positions within the Authority shall be unclassified
2 until approval of the annual business and personnel plan submitted
3 by January 1, 1995, by the Governor and the Legislature. In the
4 annual business plan submitted January 1, 1995, the Board shall
5 include a personnel plan which shall list, describe and justify all
6 unclassified positions within the Authority and their compensation.
7 All other employees and positions shall be classified and subject to
8 the provisions of the Merit System of Personnel Administration as
9 provided in the Oklahoma Personnel Act.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 2026.

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