

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2947

By: Grego of the House

and

Woods of the Senate

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 An Act relating to behavioral health; defining terms;
12 directing the Medicaid program to expand services;
13 providing scope of practice for behavioral health
14 clinical interns; requiring behavioral health interns
15 to comply with all administrative requirements;
16 providing for codification; and providing an
17 effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 15-101 of Title 43A, unless
21 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 As used in this section:

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

1 2. "Clinical training program" means programs of study that are
2 nationally accredited master's or doctoral programs preparing
3 students for the licensed marriage and family therapist (LMFT),
4 licensed professional counselor (LPC), licensed clinical social
5 worker (LCSW), licensed alcohol and drug counselor (LADC), or
6 psychologist state licensures to practice;

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

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

20 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 15-102 of Title 43A, unless
22 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
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1 The Oklahoma Medicaid Plan administrator shall expand services
2 by adding a provider code for master's and doctoral level behavioral
3 health clinical interns.

4 Behavioral health clinical intern providers shall only provide
5 services billable through clinical sites that are accredited in good
6 standing with behavioral health services site accreditations such
7 as: the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities
8 (CARF), The Joint Commission, the American Society of Addiction
9 Medicine (ASAM) Level of Care Certification, program certification
10 through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
11 Services, the Council on Accreditation (COA) or other national
12 behavioral health service site accrediting body.

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

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

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

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
24 OVERSIGHT, dated 02/19/2026 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.