

1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Rural
2 Health Transformation Program (ORHT)".

3 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3321.1 of Title 63, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 The purpose of this act is to ensure the oversight of federal
7 funds received by the State Department of Health, and other partner
8 agencies, through the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHT),
9 created in Public Law No. 119-21.

10 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3321.2 of Title 63, unless there
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. The State Department of Health shall act as the lead agency
14 for Oklahoma in handling the Rural Health Transformation Program
15 (RHT). The Department shall interface with the federal government
16 on behalf of the State of Oklahoma, and other state agencies, in the
17 disbursement of funds, and reporting requirements to the federal
18 government.

19 B. As the lead agency, the State Department of Health shall
20 provide a yearly report on the progress of the expenditures,
21 programs, and outcomes that were listed in the application to the
22 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), as well as any
23 changes that have been adopted, along with the reasons for such
24 changes. Said report shall be submitted annually no later than

1 January 31 throughout the life of the program. Such reports shall
2 be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
3 Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State
4 Senate, the Appropriations and Budget Chair of the Oklahoma House of
5 Representatives, the Appropriations Chair of the Oklahoma State
6 Senate, and the relevant subcommittee chairs for each chamber.
7 Additionally, the Department shall publish such reports on its
8 website.

9 C. No less than quarterly the Department shall publish on its
10 website progress reports for all projects, including the expenditure
11 of funds for each project as of the latest completed calendar
12 quarter.

13 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3321.3 of Title 63, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
17 fund for the State Department of Health to be designated the
18 "Oklahoma Rural Health Transformation Revolving Fund (ORHT Revolving
19 Fund)". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
20 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
21 State Department of Health for the benefit of the Rural Health
22 Transformation (RTH) Program overseen by CMS. All monies accruing
23 to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be
24 budgeted and expended by the State Department of Health for the

1 purpose of funding programs and projects approved by CMS for the RTH
2 Program. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants
3 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
4 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
5 Services for approval and payment.

6 B. The State Department of Health may enter into memoranda of
7 understanding with partner agencies for the expenditure of funds
8 from the ORHT Revolving Fund. Such expenditures are limited to
9 those necessary to complete projects and programs under the RHT
10 Program.

11 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
12 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
17 03/04/2026 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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