

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2947
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Impact:	ODMHSAS Medicaid State Match:
	FY27 - FY29: \$57,600
	FY30 – FY31: \$115,200

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 2947 adds that behavioral health clinical intern providers must only provide services that are billable through accredited clinical sites in good standing. Behavioral health clinical interns may provide services within their clinical cope of practice under the on-site supervision of a licensed behavioral health provider. On-site supervisors may only supervise up to six behavioral health clinical interns at any time.

HB 2947 requires the Oklahoma Medicaid Plan administrator to add a provider code for master's and doctoral level behavioral health clinical interns. These interns may provide services under their scope of practice under on-site supervision of a licensed behavioral health provider and they must comply with all requirements for other behavioral health providers in the Oklahoma Medicaid Plan.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 2947 allows behavioral health clinical interns to provide services eligible for Medicaid reimbursement under the state's Medicaid plan, provided they operate under the supervision of a licensed behavioral health provider.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) estimates up to 200 interns annually are eligible to participate across 10 accredited programs (8 brick and mortar, 2 online) assuming the max enrollment of 20 students per program. However, survey data from brick-and-mortar programs suggests actual participation will be much lower, approximately 40 interns for years 1 – 3 and up to 80 interns for years 4 and 5.

Billing Estimates:

- Therapy hours per intern: 8 hours/month (max allowed)
- Billing rate 80% of licensed provider rate: \$480 per intern per month; \$5,760 per year

Cost Estimates:

- **Years 1 – 3 (40 interns * \$5,760):** \$230,400 total cost; **\$57,600 State Share**
- **Years 4 – 5 (80 interns * \$5,760):** \$460,800 total cost; **\$115,200 State Share**

Assuming participation does not exceed 40 interns, the total FY27 cost to Medicaid is approximately \$230,400, with \$57,600 from state funds and \$172,800 from federal funds. HB 2947 would therefore have a fiscal impact of \$57,600 on the FY27 state budget. Because the

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) administers Medicaid behavioral health services, this state match would be allocated to ODMHSAS's budget rather than OHCA.

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Other Considerations

None.

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