

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. 4423

By: Hilbert, Archer, Lawson,
and Lepak of the House

and

Paxton of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 6. Serve as a resource for information on state-purchased and
18 state-subsidized health care access, cost containment and related
19 health issues;

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

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

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

7 10. Exercise all incidental powers which are necessary and
8 proper to carry out the purposes of the Oklahoma Health Care
9 Authority Act.

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

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

22 3. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall post a notice on
23 its website providing information about Medicaid programs and on its
24 application portal notifying applicants that their immigration

1 status will be reviewed and if unverified the United States
2 Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency will be notified.

3 C. All positions within the Authority shall be unclassified
4 until approval of the annual business and personnel plan submitted
5 by January 1, 1995, by the Governor and the Legislature. In the
6 annual business plan submitted January 1, 1995, the Board shall
7 include a personnel plan which shall list, describe and justify all
8 unclassified positions within the Authority and their compensation.
9 All other employees and positions shall be classified and subject to
10 the provisions of the Merit System of Personnel Administration as
11 provided in the Oklahoma Personnel Act.

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

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