

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 226

By: Hicks

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the state Medicaid program; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 5025, which relates to reimbursement methodology; providing for certain reimbursement methodology for certain hospitals; directing the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to seek certain federal approval; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 5025, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5025. A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority may establish, with available funds, a reimbursement methodology that will enhance the reimbursement for services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries in emergency hospitals in rural areas of the state.

B. The Authority shall establish, with available funds, a reimbursement methodology for the state Medicaid program that reimburses for obstetrical care at hospitals designated as Baby-Friendly by Baby-Friendly USA at a rate equal to the product of the standard reimbursement rate for obstetrical care at hospitals

1 multiplied by a factor of one and one quarter (1 1/4). The
2 Authority shall seek any federal approval necessary to implement the
3 provisions of this subsection.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

5 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
6 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
7 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
8 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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