

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE BILL 4176

By: Staires

6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to civil procedure; amending 76 O.S.  
8 2021, Section 18, which relates to statute of  
9 limitations for medical malpractice; extending  
statute of limitations for causes of action arising  
on or after certain date; and providing an effective  
date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 76 O.S. 2021, Section 18, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 18. An A. For causes of action arising before November  
15 1, 2026, an action for damages for injury or death against any  
16 physician, health care provider, or hospital licensed under the laws  
17 of this state, whether based in tort, breach of contract, or  
18 otherwise, arising out of patient care, shall be brought within two  
19 (2) years of the date the plaintiff knew or should have known,  
20 through the exercise of reasonable diligence, of the existence of  
21 the death, injury, or condition complained of; provided, however,  
22 the minority or incompetency when the cause of action arises will  
23 extend said period of limitation.

1       B. For causes of action arising on or after November 1, 2026,  
2       an action for damages for injury or death against any physician,  
3       health care provider, or hospital licensed under the laws of this  
4       state, whether based in tort, breach of contract, or otherwise,  
5       arising out of patient care, shall be brought within three (3) years  
6       of the date the plaintiff knew or should have known, through the  
7       exercise of reasonable diligence, of the existence of the death,  
8       injury, or condition complained of; provided, however, the minority  
9       or incompetency when the cause of action arises will extend said  
10      period of limitation.

11           SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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