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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the state Medicaid program; directing the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to pursue certain policies and programs; directing establishment of the Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP); imposing certain duty on contracted entities; describing DPP; providing certain powers and duties of Medicaid providers; requiring provision of services by peer coaches; describing peer coach; specifying certain limits on allowed coaching sessions; directing development of certain payment methodologies; requiring certain arrangement for unlicensed peer coach; limiting effect of act; authorizing certain contracts; providing certain exemption; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5009.6A of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall pursue policies and programs to assist members of the state Medicaid program in preventing or delaying the onset of type 2 diabetes.

1       B. 1. The Authority shall establish the "Diabetes Prevention  
2 Program" (DPP) within the fee-for-service and managed care delivery  
3 systems of the state Medicaid program.

4       2. Each contracted entity shall make the DPP available to  
5 enrolled members in accordance with this section.

6       3. The DPP shall be an evidence-based, lifestyle change program  
7 designed to prevent or delay the onset of type 2 diabetes among  
8 individuals with prediabetes.

9       C. A Medicaid provider may identify and recommend participation  
10 in the DPP to a member who meets the eligibility requirements of the  
11 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Diabetes  
12 Prevention Recognition Program.

13       D. In implementing the DPP, the Authority shall require that  
14 Medicaid providers offering DPP services:

15       1. Comply with guidelines issued by the CDC and obtain CDC  
16 recognition in connection with the National Diabetes Prevention  
17 Program; and

18       2. Use a CDC-approved lifestyle change curriculum that does all  
19 of the following:

20           a. emphasizes self-monitoring, self-efficacy, and  
21           problem-solving,

22           b. provides for coach feedback,

23           c. includes participant materials to support program  
24           goals, and  
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1           d.     requires participant weigh-ins to track and achieve  
2                   program goals.

3           E.   DPP services shall be provided by peer coaches who shall  
4 promote realistic lifestyle changes, emphasize weight loss through  
5 healthy eating and physical activity, and implement the DPP  
6 curriculum. A trained peer coach may be a physician, a nonphysician  
7 practitioner, or an unlicensed person who has been trained to  
8 deliver the required curriculum content and possesses the skills,  
9 knowledge, and qualities specified in the National Diabetes  
10 Prevention Program guidelines.

11          F.   A member who participates in the DPP shall be allowed to  
12 participate in twenty-two peer coaching sessions over a period of at  
13 least one (1) year. Thereafter, the Authority shall provide a  
14 participating member who achieves and maintains a required minimum  
15 weight loss of five percent (5%) from the first core session, in  
16 accordance with CDC standards, with less intensive, ongoing  
17 maintenance sessions to help the member continue healthy behaviors.

18          G.   1. The Authority shall develop payment methodologies, or  
19 adjust existing methodologies, for reimbursing DPP services and  
20 activities in the Medicaid fee-for-service delivery system, not to  
21 exceed eighty percent (80%) of the federal Medicare program  
22 reimbursement for comparable service, billing, and diagnosis codes  
23 under the federal Medicare program.

1        2. For purposes of reimbursement under the Medicaid fee-for-  
2 service delivery system, an unlicensed peer coach shall have an  
3 arrangement with a participating Medicaid provider for purposes of  
4 reimbursement for rendered DPP services.

5        H. This section shall be implemented only to the extent that  
6 the Authority obtains federal financial participation to the extent  
7 permitted by federal law, and obtains any necessary federal  
8 approvals.

9        I. For the purposes of implementing this section, the Authority  
10 may enter into exclusive or nonexclusive contracts on a bid or  
11 negotiated basis, including contracts for the purpose of obtaining  
12 subject matter expertise or other technical assistance. A contract  
13 may be statewide or on a limited geographic basis. A contract  
14 entered into or amended pursuant to this section shall be exempt  
15 from the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.

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

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