

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1836

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to health care providers; requiring certain health care providers to provide specified mental health screening instrument during certain patient visits; directing promulgation of certain rules and creation of certain educational materials; 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 510.2 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A physician shall provide an evidence-based, validated mental health screening instrument as prescribed by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to each patient during or before a routine primary care visit at least once annually. This requirement shall not apply to physicians who do not practice direct client care.

B. The Board shall promulgate rules pertaining to the required screening instrument and shall create such information and

1 educational materials necessary to implement the provisions of this
2 section. The Board may collaborate with the State Board of
3 Osteopathic Examiners and the Oklahoma Board of Nursing to develop
4 such rules, information, and educational materials.

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 519.13 of Title 59, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. A physician assistant shall provide an evidence-based,
9 validated mental health screening instrument as prescribed by the
10 State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to each patient
11 during or before a routine primary care visit at least once
12 annually. This requirement shall not apply to physician assistants
13 who do not practice direct client care.

14 B. The Board shall promulgate rules pertaining to the required
15 screening instrument and shall create such information and
16 educational materials necessary to implement the provisions of this
17 section. The Board may collaborate with the State Board of
18 Osteopathic Examiners and the Oklahoma Board of Nursing to develop
19 such rules, information, and educational materials.

20 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
21 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 567.32 of Title 59, unless there
22 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

23 A. An Advanced Practice Registered Nurse shall provide an
24 evidence-based, validated mental health screening instrument as
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1 prescribed by the Oklahoma Board of Nursing to each patient during
2 or before a routine primary care visit at least once annually. This
3 requirement shall not apply to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses
4 who do not practice direct client care.

5 B. The Board shall promulgate rules pertaining to the required
6 screening instrument and shall create such information and
7 educational materials necessary to implement the provisions of this
8 section. The Board may collaborate with the State Board of Medical
9 Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic
10 Examiners to develop such rules, information, and educational
11 materials.

12 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 638.2 of Title 59, unless there
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. An osteopathic physician shall provide an evidence-based,
16 validated mental health screening instrument as prescribed by the
17 State Board of Osteopathic Examiners to each patient during or
18 before a routine primary care visit at least once annually. This
19 requirement shall not apply to osteopathic physicians who do not
20 practice direct client care.

21 B. The Board shall promulgate rules pertaining to the required
22 screening instrument and shall create such information and
23 educational materials necessary to implement the provisions of this
24 section. The Board may collaborate with the State Board of Medical

1 Licensure and Supervision and the Oklahoma Board of Nursing to
2 develop such rules, information, and educational materials.

3 SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.
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