

1 Section 1915 (j) waiver and to set a target date for implementation
2 of such a plan;

3 2. The establishment of such a Section 1915 (j) waiver cash and
4 counseling program that focuses on increasing personal
5 responsibility by self-management and budgeting of funds to be
6 distributed directly to program participants that shall provide
7 flexibility for participants and savings to the program, efficiency
8 in utilization, and consumer satisfaction. The program shall
9 include:

- 10 a. provisions ensuring that ~~existing~~ benefits shall not
11 be terminated or ~~decreased~~ increased for the Advantage
12 Waiver Program and a Section 1915 (j) waiver be
13 attained as a result of the development of the cash
14 and counseling program,
- 15 b. provisions ensuring that consumers of either waiver
16 program receive a monthly budget based on the needs of
17 that individual,
- 18 c. authority for consumers to use the budget to obtain
19 personal care services and make home modifications to
20 suit the needs of the individual, ~~and~~
- 21 d. counselors available to work with consumers to develop
22 and revise individual budgets, and
- 23 e. a directive to be developed and delivered
24 expeditiously to all participants enrolled in the

1 ADvantage Waiver Program as of the effective date of
2 this act advising participants of their option under
3 the cash and counsel program or the ADvantage Waiver
4 Program that they may hire a friend, family member
5 (including spouse) or neighbor to perform home care
6 services;

7 3. The establishment of a program providing for state
8 incentives to Oklahoma citizens for long-term care planning; and

9 4. Stronger private/public partnerships at the community level
10 in order to address unmet patient needs.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON LONG-TERM CARE AND SENIOR
14 SERVICES, dated 02/11/2015 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.