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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to community-based services; amending  
8 56 O.S. 2011, Section 1025.1, as amended by Section  
9 37, Chapter 475, O.S.L. 2019 (56 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
10 Section 1025.1), which relates to definitions;  
11 providing definitions; amending 56 O.S. 2011, Section  
12 1025.3, which relates to community services worker  
13 registry; requiring certain investigation to include  
14 certain notification process; excluding area of  
15 concern or administrative information from certain  
16 investigative information; directing the Department  
17 of Human Services to develop certain procedure; and  
18 providing an effective date.

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

20 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2011, Section 1025.1, as  
21 amended by Section 37, Chapter 475, O.S.L. 2019 (56 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
22 Section 1025.1), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 1025.1 For the purposes of ~~this chapter~~ Sections 1025.2  
24 through 1025.4 of this title:

1. "Administrative information" means information reported to  
or obtained by the Department of Human Services regarding the  
community services provider during the investigative process that  
may be appropriate for internal administrative action but does not

1 have the potential to impact the immediate health, safety or welfare  
2 of recipients of community services, has not been verified as true  
3 and is for informational purposes only;

4 2. "Area of concern" means an issue that does not rise to the  
5 level of abuse or neglect but may constitute a possible deficiency,  
6 irregularity or deviation from policies and best practices by the  
7 community services provider which has the potential to impact the  
8 health, safety or welfare of recipients of community-based services,  
9 and the Department of Human Services has conducted sufficient  
10 inquiry into the issue to meet the probable cause investigative  
11 standard;

12 3. "Bureau" means the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;

13 ~~2.~~ 4. "Community services provider" means a community-based  
14 program, corporation, or individual who contracts with, or is  
15 licensed or funded by, the Department of Human Services to provide  
16 residential or vocational services to persons who are elderly or  
17 persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or  
18 contracts with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to provide  
19 services to individuals with intellectual disabilities through a  
20 Home and Community-Based Waiver, except a private ICF/IID;

21 ~~3.~~ 5. "Community services worker" means any person employed by  
22 or under contract with a community services provider who provides,  
23 for compensation or as a volunteer, health-related services,  
24 training, or supportive assistance to persons who are elderly or

1 persons with developmental disabilities, and who is not a licensed  
2 health professional or any person who contracts with the Oklahoma  
3 Health Care Authority to provide specialized foster care,  
4 habilitation training specialist services, or homemaker services to  
5 persons with developmental disabilities;

6 ~~4.~~ 6. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;

7 ~~5.~~ 7. "Developmental disability" means a severe, chronic  
8 disability of a person which:

- 9 a. is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or  
10 combination of mental and physical impairments, such  
11 as an intellectual development disorder, cerebral  
12 palsy, or autism,
- 13 b. is manifested before the person attains twenty-two  
14 (22) years of age,
- 15 c. is likely to continue indefinitely,
- 16 d. results in substantial functional limitations in three  
17 or more of the following areas of major life activity:
  - 18 (1) self-care,
  - 19 (2) receptive and expressive language,
  - 20 (3) learning,
  - 21 (4) mobility,
  - 22 (5) self-direction,
  - 23 (6) capacity for independent living, and
  - 24 (7) economic self-sufficiency, and

1 e. reflects the person's need for a combination and  
2 sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic  
3 care, treatment, or other services which are of  
4 lifelong or extended duration and are individually  
5 planned and coordinated;

6 ~~6.~~ 8. "Health-related services" means those services provided  
7 by community services providers or community services workers to  
8 persons who are elderly or persons with developmental disabilities  
9 that include, but are not limited to, personal hygiene,  
10 transferring, range of motion, supervision or assistance in  
11 activities of daily living, basic nursing care such as taking  
12 temperature, pulse or respiration, positioning, incontinent care,  
13 and identification of signs and symptoms of disease. Certain tasks  
14 that may be performed as basic nursing care by community services  
15 workers require appropriate training provided or approved by the  
16 Department, written agreement by the service recipient's personal  
17 support team, and the primary care physician's acknowledgement and  
18 specific order related to the task. Under such circumstances, basic  
19 nursing care may include, but need not be limited to:

- 20 a. nutrition, including meals by gastrostomy tube or
- 21 jejeunostomy tube,
- 22 b. blood glucose monitoring,
- 23 c. ostomy bag care,
- 24 d. oral suctioning, and

1 e. administration of oral metered dose inhalers and  
2 nebulizers;

3 ~~7.~~ 9. "Supportive assistance" means the service rendered to  
4 persons with developmental disabilities which is sufficient to  
5 enable such person to meet an adequate level of daily living.  
6 Supportive assistance includes, but is not limited to, training,  
7 supervision, assistance in housekeeping, assistance in the  
8 preparation of meals, and assistance in activities of daily living  
9 as necessary for the health and comfort of persons with  
10 developmental disabilities;

11 ~~8.~~ 10. "Maltreatment" means abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse,  
12 neglect, financial neglect, exploitation or sexual exploitation of  
13 vulnerable adults as defined in Section 10-103 of Title 43A of the  
14 Oklahoma Statutes or abuse, neglect, sexual abuse or sexual  
15 exploitation of children as defined in Section 1-1-105 of Title 10A  
16 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

17 ~~9.~~ 11. "Personal care" means a level of assistance provided in  
18 the home of an individual to meet the individual's activities of  
19 daily living needs such as bathing, grooming, meal preparation,  
20 light housekeeping, laundry, and care plan-directed errands;

21 ~~10.~~ 12. "Medicaid personal care services provider" means a  
22 program, corporation or individual who provides services under the  
23 state Medicaid program personal care program or ADvantage Waiver to  
24 individuals who are elderly or who have a physical disability;

1       ~~11.~~ 13. "Medicaid personal care assistant" means a person who  
2 provides Medicaid services funded under the state Medicaid program  
3 personal care program, who is not a certified nurse aide or a  
4 licensed professional;

5       ~~12.~~ 14. "Specialized foster care" means the home- and  
6 community-based service as defined in the 1915(c) waiver approved by  
7 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services;

8       ~~13.~~ 15. "Habilitation training specialist services" means the  
9 home- and community-based service as defined in the 1915(c) waiver  
10 approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; and

11       ~~14.~~ 16. "Homemaker services" means the home- and community-  
12 based service as defined in the 1915(c) waiver approved by the  
13 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

14       SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       56 O.S. 2011, Section 1025.3, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16       Section 1025.3 A. The ~~Commission for~~ Director of the  
17 Department of Human Services shall promulgate rules to establish and  
18 maintain a community services worker registry. Such rules may  
19 include, but need not be limited to:

20       1. A procedure for notation in such registry of a final  
21 Department of Human Services investigative finding or a finding by  
22 an Administrative Law Judge of maltreatment of an individual by a  
23 community services worker or a Medicaid personal care assistant;

1           2. A procedure for notice and due process for a community  
2 services worker, or a Medicaid personal care assistant, or applicant  
3 before the entering of such person's name in the registry as having  
4 a final Department of Human Services investigative finding or  
5 Administrative Law Judge finding of maltreatment of an individual;

6           3. Disclosure requirements for information in the registry; and

7           4. Procedures for granting a waiver of the provisions of  
8 paragraph 1 of subsection F of Section 1025.2 of this title by the  
9 Director of Human Services.

10          B. The community services worker registry shall include, but  
11 not be limited to, the following information on each community  
12 services worker and each Medicaid personal care assistant:

13           1. The individual's full name;

14           2. Information necessary to identify each individual;

15           3. The date the individual's name was placed in the registry;

16 and

17           4. Information on any final Department of Human Services  
18 investigative finding or Administrative Law Judge finding of  
19 maltreatment concerning the worker.

20          C. A community services worker, a Medicaid personal care  
21 assistant, or applicant who is adversely affected by an  
22 Administrative Law Judge finding of maltreatment of an individual  
23 may seek judicial review pursuant to Article II of the  
24 Administrative Procedures Act. The finding of the Administrative

1 Law Judge may be appealed to the district court of the county in  
2 which the community services worker, Medicaid personal care  
3 assistant, or applicant resides within thirty (30) days of the date  
4 of the decision. A copy of the petition shall be served by mail  
5 upon the general counsel of the Department of Human Services.

6 D. An investigation conducted under Section 1025.1 et seq. of  
7 this title shall include a process for notifying a community  
8 services provider of areas of concern and administrative  
9 information. An area of concern or administrative information shall  
10 not be considered final investigative findings, nor shall the area  
11 of concern or administrative information be included in a final  
12 investigative report of the Department of Human Services. The  
13 Department shall develop a procedure by which a community services  
14 provider may request an investigative status update within ten (10)  
15 calendar days of the initiation of an investigation conducted under  
16 Section 1025.1 et seq. of this title.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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