

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1205

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 5009.2, which relates to the Advisory Committee on Medical Care for Public Assistance Recipients; adding members; clarifying statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 5009.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 5009.2. A. The Advisory Committee on Medical Care for Public Assistance Recipients, created by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section 431.12, for the purpose of advising the Authority about health and medical care services, shall include among its membership ~~of no more than~~, which shall not exceed fifteen (15) members, the following:

1. Board-certified physicians and other representatives of the health professions who are familiar with the medical needs of low-income population groups and with the resources available and required for their care. The Advisory Committee shall, at all

1 times, include at least one physician from each of the six classes  
2 of physicians listed in Section 725.2 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma  
3 Statutes. The Advisory Committee shall at all times include at  
4 least one pharmacist licensed in this state. All such physicians  
5 and other representatives of the health professions shall be  
6 participating providers in the State Medicaid Plan;

7 2. Members of consumers' groups, including, but not limited to:

- 8 a. Medicaid recipients, and
- 9 b. representatives from consumer organizations including  
10 a member representing nursing homes, a member  
11 representing individuals with developmental  
12 disabilities and a member representing one or more  
13 behavioral health professions;

14 3. The Director of the Department of Human Services or  
15 designee;

16 4. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
17 Services or designee;

18 5. A member approved and appointed by a state organization or  
19 state chapter of a national organization of pediatricians dedicated  
20 to the health, safety and well-being of infants, children,  
21 adolescents and young adults, who shall:

- 22 a. monitor provider relations with the Oklahoma Health  
23 Care Authority, and
- 24 b. create a forum to address grievances; ~~and~~

1           6. Members who are representatives of a statewide association  
2 representing rural and urban hospitals including but not limited to:

3           a. one member representing a hospital with fifty or fewer  
4 licensed beds, and

5           b. one member representing a hospital with one hundred or  
6 more licensed beds; and

7           7. A member who is a member or citizen of a federally  
8 recognized American Indian tribe or nation whose primary tribal  
9 headquarters is ~~located~~ in this state.

10           Beginning on January 1, 2022, appointments made to the Advisory  
11 Committee shall be for a duration not to exceed four (4) consecutive  
12 calendar years.

13           B. The Advisory Committee shall meet bimonthly to review and  
14 make recommendations related to:

15           1. Policy development and program administration;

16           2. Policy changes proposed by the Authority prior to  
17 consideration of such changes by the Authority;

18           3. Financial concerns related to the Authority and the  
19 administration of the programs under the Authority; and

20           4. Other pertinent information related to the management and  
21 operation of the Authority and the delivery of health and medical  
22 care services.

23           C. 1. The Administrator of the Authority shall provide such  
24 staff support and independent technical assistance as needed by the  
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1 Advisory Committee to enable the Advisory Committee to make  
2 effective recommendations.

3 2. The Advisory Committee shall elect from among its members a  
4 chair and a vice-chair who shall serve one-year terms. A member may  
5 serve more than one (1), but not more than four (4), consecutive  
6 one-year terms as chair or vice-chair. A majority of the members of  
7 the Advisory Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact  
8 business, but no vacancy shall impair the right of the remaining  
9 members to exercise all of the powers of the Advisory Committee.

10 3. Members shall not receive any compensation for their  
11 services but shall be reimbursed pursuant to the provisions of the  
12 State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of  
13 the Oklahoma Statutes.

14 D. The Authority shall give due consideration to the comments  
15 and recommendations of the Advisory Committee in the Authority's  
16 deliberations on policies, administration, management and operation  
17 of the Authority.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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