

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL 437

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to dementia; directing the State
8 Department of Health to create certain pilot program;
9 providing that neurologist shall not receive
10 compensation; defining term; providing for
11 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-1992 of Title 63, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. The State Department of Health shall create a pilot program
17 to train primary care physicians in rural areas on the diagnosing
18 and treatment of Alzheimer's and dementia. Under the program, the
19 Department shall identify a neurologist, who may live in an urban
20 area, to utilize Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare
21 Outcomes) or another guided practice model to train and mentor rural
22 primary care physicians. The neurologist shall not receive
23 compensation.
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1 B. As used in this section, "Project ECHO" is a global,
2 collaborative model of medical education and care management which
3 utilizes teleconferencing to link expert specialist teams at an
4 academic hub with primary care physicians in local communities to
5 increase medical knowledge and develop the skills of primary care
6 physicians in rural and underserved areas.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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