

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 689

By: Pugh of the Senate

3 and

4 Miller of the House

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7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Health Care
8 Authority; amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 5009.2,
9 which relates to the Advisory Committee on Medical
10 Care for Public Assistance Recipients; modifying and
11 limiting membership; limiting duration of
12 appointments; specifying duration of chair and vice-
13 chair terms; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 5009.2, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 5009.2. A. The Advisory Committee on Medical Care for
18 Public Assistance Recipients, created by the Oklahoma Health Care
19 Authority, pursuant to 42 Code of Federal Regulations, Section
20 431.12, for the purpose of advising the Authority about health and
21 medical care services, shall include among its membership of no more
22 than fifteen (15) the following:

23 1. Board-certified physicians and other representatives of the
24 health professions who are familiar with the medical needs of low-
income population groups and with the resources available and

1 required for their care. The Advisory Committee shall, at all
2 times, include at least one physician from each of the six classes
3 of physicians listed in Section 725.2 of Title 59 of the Oklahoma
4 Statutes; ~~provided, however,~~ All such physicians and other
5 representatives of the health professions shall be participating
6 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 ~~each of the following~~ consumer
10 organizations ~~which represent the interests of:~~

11 ~~(1) people who are economically disadvantaged,~~

12 ~~(2) children,~~

13 ~~(3) the elderly,~~

14 ~~(4) people with mental illness,~~

15 ~~(5) people who are developmentally disabled, and~~

16 ~~(6) people with alcohol or substance abuse problems~~

17 including a member representing nursing homes and a

18 member representing one or more behavioral health

19 professions;

20 3. The Director of the Department of Human Services or
21 designee; and

22 4. The Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
23 Services or designee;

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1 5. A member approved and appointed by the Oklahoma Academy of
2 Pediatrics a state organization or state chapter of a national
3 organization of pediatricians dedicated to the health, safety and
4 well-being of infants, children, adolescents and young adults, who
5 shall:

6 a. monitor provider relations with the Oklahoma Health
7 Care Authority, and

8 b. create a forum to address grievances; and

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

12 Beginning on January 1, 2022, appointments made to the Advisory
13 Committee shall be for a duration not to exceed three (3)
14 consecutive calendar years.

15 B. The Advisory Committee shall meet bimonthly to review and
16 make recommendations related to:

17 1. Policy development and program administration;

18 2. Policy changes proposed by the Authority prior to
19 consideration of such changes by the Authority;

20 3. Financial concerns related to the Authority and the
21 administration of the programs under the Authority; and

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

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

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

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

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

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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