

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 292

By: Stanley of the Senate

and

Roe of the House

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6 An Act relating to sexually transmitted infections;
7 defining terms; requiring health benefit plans to
8 cover cost of certain serological tests; amending 63
9 O.S. 2021, Section 1-515, which relates to tests for
10 syphilis; modifying required frequency of testing;
11 broadening applicability of certain provisions;
12 updating statutory language; and providing an
13 effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.4b of Title 36, unless
17 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. As used in this section:

19 1. "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as provided by
20 Section 6060.4 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

21 2. "Medically necessary" means services or supplies provided by
22 a health care provider that are:

23 a. provided for the diagnosis of syphilis,

24 b. necessary for and appropriate to the diagnosis of
syphilis,

1 c. within the generally accepted standards of medical
2 care in the community, and

3 d. not solely for the convenience of the insured, the
4 insured's family, or the provider.

5 B. A health benefit plan shall cover the cost of medically
6 necessary standard serological tests for syphilis required under
7 Section 1-515 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-515, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 1-515. A. Every physician, physician assistant, or
11 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse attending a pregnant woman in
12 ~~Oklahoma~~ this state during gestation shall, in the case of each
13 woman so attended, take or cause to be taken a sample of blood of
14 such woman ~~at the time of first examination,~~ and shall submit such
15 sample to an approved laboratory for a standard serological test for
16 syphilis, when indicated by current guidance of the Centers for
17 Disease Control and Prevention.

18 B. Every other person permitted by law to attend upon pregnant
19 women in the state but not permitted by law to take blood tests
20 shall cause a sample of the blood of such pregnant woman to be taken
21 by a duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or Advanced
22 Practice Registered Nurse, licensed to practice in ~~the State of~~
23 ~~Oklahoma~~ this state, and submitted to an approved laboratory for a
24 standard serological test for syphilis.

