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2           syphilis,  
3           c. within the generally accepted standards of medical  
4           care in the community, and  
5           d. not solely for the convenience of the insured, the  
6           insured's family, or the provider.

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

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

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

20          B. Every other person permitted by law to attend upon pregnant  
21 women in the state but not permitted by law to take blood tests  
22 shall cause a sample of the blood of such pregnant woman to be taken  
23 by a duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or Advanced  
24 Practice Registered Nurse, licensed to practice in ~~the State of~~

1 ~~Oklahoma~~ this state, and submitted to an approved laboratory for a  
2 standard serological test for syphilis.

3 C. The term "approved laboratory" shall mean a laboratory  
4 approved for the purposes of this section by the State Commissioner  
5 of Health. A standard serological test for syphilis shall be one  
6 recognized as such by the Commissioner. Such laboratory tests shall  
7 be made, on request, without charge by the State Department of  
8 Health.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, dated 04/13/2023 -  
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