

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 SENATE BILL 850

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to health insurance; creating the
8 Task Force on Rural Health Care Reimbursement;
9 stating task force purpose; establishing task force
10 membership and procedures; requiring report be
submitted to certain elected officials by certain
11 date; providing for codification; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6063 of Title 36, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. 1. There is hereby created the Task Force on Rural Health
18 Care Reimbursement to examine the care provided by health care
19 providers in rural areas in this state and ensure that items and
20 services provided by health care providers are appropriately
21 reimbursed pursuant to Section 6053 et seq. of Title 36 of the
22 Oklahoma Statutes.

23 2. The task force shall examine whether discriminatory
24 practices are being engaged in by an insurer against a health care
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1 provider. Discriminatory practices shall include, but not be
2 limited to:

- 3 a. intentionally denying payment for health care services
4 provided to an insured,
- 5 b. breaching fiduciary duty to honor written plan terms,
- 6 c. exposing insureds, health care providers, and
7 hospitals to balanced billing by reimbursing a
8 provider at an amount lower than the in-network cost-
9 sharing amount,
- 10 d. providing lower rates for services provided, or
- 11 e. any other practices prohibited by law.

12 B. The task force shall be composed of the following and each
13 member shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing
14 authority:

15 1. One Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, one Nurse
16 Practitioner, and one Certified Nurse-Midwife, to be appointed by
17 the Governor;

18 2. One Doctor of Medicine, one Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine,
19 and one Doctor of Dental Surgery to be appointed by the President
20 Pro Tempore of the Senate;

21 3. Two members of the health insurance industry, and one
22 Occupational Health Advisor, to be appointed by the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives; and

1 4. The Insurance Commissioner or his or her designee who shall
2 serve as chairman and an ex-officio member of the task force.

3 C. The Insurance Department shall provide support and personnel
4 needed by the task force.

5 D. The Task Force on Rural Health Care Reimbursement shall
6 publish its findings and recommendations in a report to be delivered
7 to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the House
9 Insurance Committee, and the Chairman of the Senate Retirement and
10 Insurance Committee no later than December 1, 2024.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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