

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 259

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S. 2001, Sections 1020 and 1025.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 378, O.S.L. 2002 (56 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1025.1), which relate to developmental disabilities services and definitions; clarifying purpose of law; requiring promulgation of rules for specified purpose; specifying content of rules; modifying definitions; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2001, Section 1020, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1020. A. The Director of the Department of Human Services shall, within the constraints of funding appropriated to the Department, establish and maintain a community-based program of services, ~~including~~ that includes, but is not limited to, establishment of foster care and supported living arrangements for ~~victims of~~ persons affected by Prader-Willi syndrome. The purpose of this section of law shall be to improve the quality of life of persons with developmental disabilities and to integrate such persons into the mainstream of society by ensuring availability of community services.

B. The program established pursuant to this section shall be administered by the Developmental Disabilities Service Division. The Commission for Human Services shall promulgate rules for the operation of community-based programs for persons with developmental disabilities including, but not limited to, rules regarding the delivery of:

1. Health-related services. As used in this section, health-related services means services provided by community services providers or community services workers to persons with developmental disabilities, and includes, but is not limited to:

- a. personal hygiene,
- b. transferring,
- c. range of motion,
- d. supervision or assistance with activities of daily living,
- e. basic nursing care, such as taking the person's temperature, pulse or respiration, positioning, incontinent care, and identification of signs and symptoms of disease. Basic nursing care by community services workers requires appropriate training, supervision and monitoring, acknowledgment and written agreement by the service recipient's personal support team, and the physician's acknowledgment and specific order related to the task. Under such circumstances, basic nursing care may include, but need not be limited to:
  - (1) nutrition, including meals by gastrostomy tube or jejeunostomy tube,
  - (2) blood glucose monitoring,
  - (3) ostomy bag care,
  - (4) oral suctioning, and
  - (5) administration of oral metered dose inhalers and nebulizers; and

2. Supportive assistance, which means the service rendered to persons with developmental disabilities that is sufficient to enable such person to meet an adequate level of daily living. Supportive assistance includes, but is not limited to, training and supervision of persons with developmental disabilities, providing safe storage

and administration of medications, assistance in housekeeping, assistance in the preparation of meals, and assistance in activities of daily living as necessary for the health and comfort of persons with developmental disabilities.

C. The Department shall undertake to identify and utilize any and all federal funding which may be available for such services.

~~C.~~ D. The Department is authorized to accept any gift of real or personal property made for the use or benefit of any program or services established pursuant to this section. Such gift may only be utilized for the purpose or purposes for which it is given

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2001, Section 1025.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 378, O.S.L. 2002 (56 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 1025.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1025.1 For the purposes of this chapter:

1. "Bureau" means the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation;
2. "Commission" means the Commission for Human Services;
3. "Community services provider" means a community-based program, corporation, or individual who contracts with, or is licensed or funded by, the Department of Human Services to provide residential or vocational services to persons with mental retardation or developmental disabilities, or contracts with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to provide services to individuals with mental retardation through the Home and Community-Based Waiver, except a private ICF/MR;
4. "Community services worker" means any person employed by or under contract with a community services provider who provides, for compensation or as a volunteer, health-related services, training, or supportive assistance to persons with developmental disabilities, and who is not a licensed health professional;
5. "Department" means the Department of Human Services;
6. "Developmental disability" means a severe, chronic disability of a person which:

- a. is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments, such as mental retardation, cerebral palsy, or autism,
- b. is manifested before the person attains twenty-two (22) years of age,
- c. is likely to continue indefinitely,
- d. results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity:
  - (1) self-care,
  - (2) receptive and expressive language,
  - (3) learning,
  - (4) mobility,
  - (5) self-direction,
  - (6) capacity for independent living, and
  - (7) economic self-sufficiency, and
- e. reflects the person's need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic care, treatment, or other services which are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated;

7. "Health-related services" means those services provided by community services providers or community services workers to persons with developmental disabilities that include, but are not limited to, the following: personal hygiene, transferring, range of motion, supervision or assistance in activities of daily living, basic nursing care such as taking temperature, pulse or respiration, positioning, incontinent care, and identification of signs and symptoms of disease. Basic nursing care by community services workers requires appropriate training, supervision and monitoring, acknowledgment and written agreement by the service recipient's personal support team, and the physician's acknowledgement and

specific order related to the task. Under such circumstances, basic nursing care may include, but need not be limited to:

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- d. oral suctioning, and
- e. administration of oral metered dose inhalers and nebulizers;

8. "Supportive assistance" means the service rendered to persons with developmental disabilities which is sufficient to enable such person to meet an adequate level of daily living. Supportive assistance includes, but is not limited to, training, supervision, safe storage and administration of medications, assistance in housekeeping, assistance in the preparation of meals, and assistance in the safe storage, distribution and administration of medications, and assistance in activities of daily living as necessary for the health and comfort of persons with developmental disabilities;

9. "Personal care" means a level of assistance provided in the home of an individual to meet the individual's activities of daily living needs such as bathing, grooming, meal preparation, light housekeeping, laundry, and care plan-directed errands;

10. "Medicaid personal care services provider" means a program, corporation or individual who provides services under the state Medicaid program personal care program or Advantage Waiver to individuals who are elderly or who have a physical disability; and

11. "Medicaid personal care assistant" means a person who provides Medicaid services funded under the state Medicaid program personal care program, who is not a certified nurse aide or a licensed professional.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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