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3 HOUSE BILL 1006

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to health care; creating the
8 Transparency in Health Care Prices Act; defining
9 terms; requiring health care providers to make
10 available the health care prices for certain health
11 care services; providing for disclosure; requiring
12 health care facility to make available health care
13 prices for certain health care services; providing
14 for disclosure; prohibiting review of health care
15 prices by agency; providing for codification; and
16 providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6572 of Title 36, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Transparency in
22 Health Care Prices Act".

23 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6573 of Title 36, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 As used in the Transparency in Health Care Prices Act:

2 1. "Agency" means a government department, agency or a
3 government-created entity;

4 2. "CPT code" means the Current Procedural Terminology code, or
5 its successor code, as developed and copyrighted by the American
6 Medical Association or its successor entity;

7 3. "Health care facility" means a facility licensed or certified
8 by the State Department of Health, but shall not include a nursing
9 care facility, assisted living facility or home care agency;

10 4. "Health care price" means the cash price that a health care
11 provider or health care facility will charge a recipient for health
12 care services that will be rendered. Health care price is the price
13 charged for the standard service for the particular diagnosis and
14 does not include any amount that may be charged for complications or
15 exceptional treatment;

16 5. "Health care provider" means a person who is licensed,
17 certified or registered by this state to provide health care
18 services or a medical group, independent practice association or
19 professional corporation providing health care services;

20 6. "Health care services" or "services" means services included
21 in, or incidental to, furnishing to an individual:

- 22 a. medical, mental, dental or optometric care or
23 hospitalization, or
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- b. other services for the purpose of preventing, alleviating, curing or healing a physical or mental illness or injury;

7. "Recipient" means an individual who receives health care services from a health care provider or health care facility; and

8. "Specialty service line" means health care services rendered by a specific medical specialist to include, but not be limited to:

- a. general surgery,
- b. obstetrics or gynecology,
- c. cardiology,
- d. urology,
- e. ophthalmology,
- f. neurology/neurosurgery,
- g. orthopedics,
- h. hematology/oncology,
- i. pathology,
- j. radiology,
- k. emergency medicine,
- l. physical therapy, or
- m. another specialty service provided by a health care facility.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6574 of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. A health care provider shall make available to the public,
2 in a single document, either electronically or by posting
3 conspicuously on the provider's website if one exists, the health
4 care prices for at least the twenty most common health care services
5 the health care provider provides. If the health care provider, in
6 the normal course of his or her practice, regularly provides fewer
7 than twenty health care services, the health care provider shall
8 make available the health care prices for the health care services
9 the provider most commonly provides.

10 B. The health care provider shall identify the services by:

11 1. A Current Procedural Terminology code or other coding system
12 commonly used by the health care provider and accepted as a national
13 standard for billing; and

14 2. A plain English description.

15 C. The health care provider shall update the document as
16 frequently as the health care provider deems appropriate, but at
17 least annually.

18 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6575 of Title 36, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. A health care facility shall make available to the public,
22 in a single document, either electronically or by posting
23 conspicuously on its website if one exists, the health care prices
24 for at least:

1 1. The twenty most used diagnosis-related group codes or other
2 codes for inpatient health care services per specialty service line
3 used by the health care facility for billing; and

4 2. The twenty most used outpatient CPT codes or health care
5 services procedure codes per specialty service line used for
6 billing.

7 B. A health care facility shall include with the health care
8 prices provided pursuant to subsection A of this section a plain
9 English description of the services for which the health care prices
10 are provided.

11 C. The health care facility shall update the document as
12 frequently as it deems appropriate, but at least annually.

13 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6576 of Title 36, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. Nothing in the Transparency in Health Care Prices Act shall
17 require a health care facility or health care provider to report its
18 health care prices to any agency for review, filing or other
19 purposes, or for applications for health care professional loan
20 repayment. The Transparency in Health Care Prices Act shall not
21 grant any agency the authority to approve, disapprove or limit a
22 health care facility's or health care provider's health care prices
23 or change its health care prices.

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1 B. Nothing in this act shall impair contracts between private
2 parties.

3 SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

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