

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1043

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to child care; mandating payment of
8 child care provider contract on weekly basis;
9 requiring child care reimbursement to be based on
10 enrollment and daily attendance; providing for rate
11 determination based on tier level; providing for
12 potential loss of benefit for certain absences;
13 requiring Department of Human Services to conduct
14 annual market rate survey; providing for
15 codification; providing an effective date; and
16 declaring an emergency.

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 230.74 of Title 56, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. A child care facility licensed by the Department of Human
22 Services with a current child care provider contract shall receive
23 reimbursement at the beginning of each week, fifty percent (50%)
24 which shall be based on enrollment and fifty percent (50%) which
shall be based on actual daily attendance. The rate shall be
determined by the tier level of the child care facility where the

1 child is enrolled and the age of each child on the contract for the
2 child care subsidy program minus the family copayment.

3 B. The Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card of the child
4 shall only be swiped in on days in attendance and shall not be
5 required to be swiped out. In the event that a child misses ten
6 (10) consecutive days of attendance without prior approval from the
7 child care facility and a caseworker from the Department, the child
8 may lose approval for the child care subsidy program and may be
9 required to reapply in the program.

10 C. The Department shall conduct an annual market rate survey to
11 ensure compliance with the seventy-fifth percentile (75%) payment
12 rate as required by the federal Child Care and Development Block
13 Grant.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

15 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of
16 the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared
17 to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in
18 full force from and after its passage and approval.

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