

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB1911 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Sandoval  
Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Arturo Alonso-  
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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED POLICY  
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1911

By: Alonso-Sandoval

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8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to mental health; providing  
10 definitions; creating the 988 Suicide and Crisis  
11 Lifeline System; providing for administrative  
12 structure; providing for evaluation; providing for  
13 workforce retention; establishing a trust fund;  
14 creating a telecommunication fee; directing  
15 maximization of federal funding; providing for  
16 codification; and 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 12-200 of Title 43A, unless  
20 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 As used in this section:

22 1. "911" means any telephone system whereby telephone  
23 subscribers may utilize a three-digit number (9-1-1) for reporting  
24 an emergency to the appropriate public agency providing law  
enforcement, fire, medical or other emergency services, including  
ancillary communications systems and personnel necessary to pass the

1 reported emergency to the appropriate emergency service and which  
2 the wireless service provider is required to provide pursuant to the  
3 Federal Communications Commission Order 94-102, 961 Federal Register  
4 40348;

5 2. "988" means the universal telephone number within the United  
6 States designated by the Federal Communications Commission for the  
7 purpose of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline program  
8 operating through the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline (988  
9 Lifeline), or its successor maintained by the Assistant Secretary  
10 for Mental Health and Substance Use under Section 520E-3 of the  
11 Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. 290bb-36c;

12 3. "988 administrator" means the administrator of the National  
13 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline system maintained by the Assistant  
14 Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use under Section 520E-3  
15 of the Public Health Service Act. The administrator oversees the  
16 administration of the 988 Lifeline system with expectations of  
17 clinical, technical and operational performance. The Lifeline  
18 administrator is responsible for leadership and coordination of 200-  
19 plus individual state and locally funded crisis contact centers  
20 across the country. Each center is responsible for abiding by a  
21 series of requirements that include, but are not limited to, an  
22 accreditation process, insurance, a formal agreement with the  
23 Lifeline administrator, and a center liaison;

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1 4. "988 contact" means a communication with the 988 Suicide and  
2 Crisis Lifeline system within the United States or its successor via  
3 modalities offered, including call, chat, text or a transfer from  
4 peer-operated warmlines, other behavioral health crisis hotlines and  
5 emotional support lines;

6 5. "988 fee" means the surcharge assessed on commercial  
7 landline, mobile service, prepaid wireless voice service, and  
8 interconnected voice over Internet protocol (VoIP) service lines  
9 created under Section 4 of this act authority for communication law,  
10 regulation, and technological innovation;

11 6. "988 Lifeline Crisis Centers" are a national network of  
12 local crisis centers that provide free and confidential emotional  
13 support to people in suicidal crisis, behavioral health crisis, or  
14 emotional distress twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a  
15 week in the United States. It is the national Suicide Prevention  
16 and Mental Health Crisis Hotline system maintained by the Assistant  
17 Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use under Section 520E-3  
18 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290bb-36c);

19 7. "988 Trust Fund" means the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline  
20 program fund created under Section 3 of this act;

21 8. "Behavioral health crisis services" are intensive services  
22 that are provided to address or prevent behavioral health symptoms,  
23 situations, or events that may negatively impact an individual's  
24 ability to function within his or her current family or caregiver

1 and living situation, school, workplace, or community. Behavioral  
2 health crisis services are for anyone, anywhere, and at any time and  
3 can be provided in a variety of settings, including via text or  
4 telephone, face-to-face at an individual's home, or in the  
5 community;

6 9. "Behavioral health crisis system" is an organized set of  
7 structures, processes, and services in place to meet all types of  
8 urgent and emerging mental health and substance use needs in a  
9 defined population or community, effectively and efficiently.

10 Essential elements of a behavioral health crisis system include 988  
11 crisis lines that accept all calls and texts, and provide support  
12 and referrals based on the needs of the individual or family member  
13 or caregiver; mobile crisis teams that respond to the location of  
14 need in the community; and crisis stabilization facilities that  
15 serve everyone who enters their doors from all referral sources.

16 Comprehensive behavioral health crisis systems:

- 17 a. address recovery needs, significant use of peers, and  
18 trauma-informed care,
- 19 b. provide "suicide safer" care,
- 20 c. ensure safety and security for staff and those in  
21 crisis, and
- 22 d. involve collaboration with law enforcement and  
23 emergency medical services;

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1 10. "Behavioral health equity" is the right to access high-  
2 quality, affordable behavioral health care services and support,  
3 regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity,  
4 geography, socioeconomic status, or other characteristics. This  
5 includes addressing the needs of historically underserved  
6 populations such as:

- 7 a. individuals from diverse racial and ethnic  
8 backgrounds, including Black, Latino, Indigenous,  
9 Native American, Asian American, and Pacific Islander  
10 communities,
- 11 b. persons of varying faiths and beliefs, including  
12 members of religious minorities,
- 13 c. individuals with disabilities,
- 14 d. members of the LGBTQ community,
- 15 e. residents of rural or remote areas, and
- 16 f. those experiencing systemic inequities or barriers due  
17 to persistent poverty, discrimination, or inequality;

18 11. "Behavioral health urgent care" is an ambulatory setting  
19 that offers safe, voluntary, and time-limited services and supports  
20 to individuals experiencing behavioral health crisis. This setting  
21 is an alternative to the use of hospital emergency departments or  
22 more intensive crisis services;

23 12. "Community Mental Health Centers and Certified Community  
24 Behavioral Health Clinics" are facilities as defined under Section

1 1913(c) of the Public Health Services Act or Section 223(d) of the  
2 Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA), and Community  
3 Behavioral Health Organizations as licensed and certified by  
4 relevant state agencies;

5 13. "Community outreach teams (COTs)" engage in outreach to  
6 communities and community members to support a variety of needs of  
7 individuals including behavioral health, physical care, housing,  
8 benefits, education, and employment. COTs do not provide on-demand  
9 crisis services. Instead, through outreach and engagement, COTs aim  
10 to promote wellness, resilience, recovery, self-advocacy,  
11 development of supports, and maintenance of community living skills.  
12 COTs can work effectively alongside mobile crisis teams to prevent  
13 crisis and provide wraparound supports to those in need. Some rural  
14 and under-resourced communities have created teams with dual roles  
15 of mobile crisis services and COTs. COTs can be especially helpful  
16 for follow-up care;

17 14. "Co-response" is a collaborative approach to behavioral  
18 health crisis developed in response to the need for local adaptation  
19 in which first responders, sometimes including law enforcement  
20 officers, are partnered with behavioral health professionals as an  
21 effective way to respond to behavioral health crises and other  
22 situations involving unmet behavioral health needs;

23 15. "Crisis stabilization services" reflect a range of models  
24 and care to support individuals through emergent and urgent

1 behavioral health needs. Crisis stabilization services involve  
2 facility-, home-, and community-based services that provide access  
3 to care and stabilization for adults and youth in crisis. Crisis  
4 stabilization services are delivered across a continuum of care that  
5 includes no barrier, low barrier, and referral-based services;

6 16. "Emotional support lines" focus on providing connection and  
7 wellness promotion. They are not hotlines; however, they are still  
8 expected to have the capacity to determine if referral to a crisis  
9 hotline or more intensive intervention is warranted. They are  
10 sometimes referred to as helplines. Emotional support lines are  
11 recognized for providing services such as active, empathetic  
12 listening, safety planning, rapport building, and crisis support and  
13 prevention planning. Prominent examples include Substance Abuse and  
14 Mental Health Services Administration National Helpline, the Alcohol  
15 and Drug Helpline, and the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline;

16 17. "Federal Communications Commission" regulates interstate  
17 and international communications by radio, television, wire,  
18 satellite, and cable in all fifty (50) states, the District of  
19 Columbia and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government  
20 agency overseen by Congress, the Commission is the federal agency  
21 responsible for implementing and enforcing America's communications  
22 law and regulations;

23 18. "Health insurance" means any individual or group hospital  
24 or medical-expense-incurred policy or health care benefits plan or



1 contract providing insurance against loss through illness or injury  
2 of the insured. The term does not include any policy governing  
3 short-term accidents only, a fixed indemnity policy, a limited  
4 benefit policy, a specified accident policy, a specified disease  
5 policy, a Medicare supplement policy, a long-term care policy,  
6 medical payment or personal injury coverage in a motor vehicle  
7 policy, coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance, a  
8 disability policy or workers' compensation;

9 19. "Law enforcement" describes a type of first-responder  
10 agency and employee responsible for enforcing laws, maintaining  
11 public order, and managing public safety;

12 20. "Lived experience" is personal knowledge about mental  
13 health, substance use, or co-occurring mental health and substance  
14 use disorders, treatment, and recovery gained through direct  
15 involvement as an individual with past or current mental health or  
16 substance use challenges;

17 21. "Mobile crisis team" means a multidisciplinary behavioral  
18 health team that includes at least one behavioral health care  
19 professional who is capable of conducting an assessment of the  
20 individual, in accordance with the professional's permitted scope of  
21 practice under state law, and other professionals or  
22 paraprofessionals with appropriate expertise in behavioral health or  
23 mental health crisis response, including nurses, social workers,  
24 peer support specialists, and others, whose members are trained in

1 trauma-informed care, de-escalation strategies, and harm reduction;  
2 that is able to respond in a timely manner and, where appropriate,  
3 provide screening and assessment; stabilization and de-escalation;  
4 and coordination with, and referrals to health, social, and other  
5 services and supports as needed; that maintains relationships with  
6 relevant community partners, including medical and behavioral;

7 22. "Other behavioral health crisis hotlines" include phone,  
8 text, and chat services that are not part of the 988 Lifeline  
9 network but that also provide support to people experiencing  
10 emotional distress or to third-party callers who are concerned about  
11 another person. These hotlines typically fall into one or more of  
12 the following categories:

- 13 a. topically focused to a specific type of need or  
14 stressor,
- 15 b. focused on providing services to a specific  
16 population, including but not limited to, a geographic  
17 catchment area, and
- 18 c. targets the needs of individuals experiencing the  
19 types of emotional distress that are similar in scope  
20 to the 988 Lifeline, but are not connected to the 988  
21 Lifeline;

22 23. "Peer-operated warmlines" provide ongoing phone, text, or  
23 chat support by an individual with lived experience. Calls are  
24 answered by trained peers who have lived experience with the type of

1 mental health support the line is intended to provide. Peer-  
2 operated warmlines are typically local to the caller's jurisdiction  
3 or state, though there also are national peer warmlines geared  
4 toward specific groups such as teens, older adults, and LGBTQI+  
5 individuals;

6 24. "Peer crisis respites" are voluntary short-term programs  
7 offering rest and peer support in a home environment for individuals  
8 experiencing or recovering from a crisis;

9 25. "Respite services" are short-term relief services for  
10 primary caregivers;

11 26. "State" as defined herein includes the U.S. territories  
12 under 16 USC, Section 6602(9);

13 27. "State-certified peer support specialists" are individuals  
14 who are employed based on his or her personal lived experience of a  
15 crisis or suicide attempt and who have successfully completed a  
16 state-recognized peer support training program;

17 28. "Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration  
18 (SAMHSA)" is the agency within the U.S. Department of Health and  
19 Human Services that leads public health efforts to advance the  
20 behavioral health of the nation;

21 29. "Trauma-informed care" is a program, organization, or  
22 system that:

23 a. realizes the widespread impact of trauma and  
24 understands potential paths for recovery,

- b. recognizes the signs and symptoms of trauma in clients, families, staff, and others involved with the system,
- c. responds by fully integrating knowledge about trauma into policies, procedures, and practices, and
- d. seeks to actively resist re-traumatization; and

30. "Veterans Crisis Line (VCL)" means Veterans Crisis Line maintained by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under Section 1720F(h) of Title 38, United States Code.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12-201 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State of Oklahoma shall designate the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to have primary oversight over the suicide prevention and crisis service activities and essential coordination with designated 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers to provide crisis intervention services and crisis care coordination to individuals accessing the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline program from any jurisdiction within Oklahoma twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week.

The oversight and coordination of a 988 Suicide and crisis Lifeline System will be dependent upon design, implementation, and sustainability which will be achieved through the following essential infrastructure components:

1           1. The designated 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers shall have an  
2 active agreement with the 988 administrator for participation with  
3 the Lifeline network;

4           2. The designated 988 Lifeline Centers shall have the authority  
5 to deploy crisis and outgoing services, including mobile crisis  
6 teams, and coordinate access to crisis receiving and stabilization  
7 services or other local resources as appropriate and consistent with  
8 any guidelines and best practices that may be established by the  
9 state or 988 Lifeline administrator;

10          3. Facilitation of the ongoing care needs of persons contacting  
11 the 988 Lifeline, the state or related public health authority by  
12 assuring active collaborations and coordination of service linkages  
13 between the designated centers, mental health and substance use  
14 disorder treatment providers, local community mental health centers  
15 including certified community behavioral health clinics and  
16 community behavioral health centers, mobile crisis teams, and  
17 community-based as well as hospital emergency departments and  
18 inpatient psychiatric settings, establishing formal agreements and  
19 appropriate information sharing procedures where appropriate;

20          4. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
21 having primary oversight of suicide prevention and crisis service  
22 activities and essential coordination with designated 988 Lifeline  
23 Crisis Centers, and working in concert with the 988 Lifeline, VCL,  
24 and other SAMHSA-approved networks, 24-hour local crisis hotlines,

1 the National Mental Health Hotline, and peer warmlines. Other  
2 behavioral health crisis hotlines play an important part in the  
3 crisis response system for the purposes of ensuring consistency of  
4 public messaging about 988 services;

5 5. The designated 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers shall meet 988  
6 Lifeline Program requirements and best practices guidelines for  
7 operational, performance and clinical standards;

8 6. The following information and reporting are required by the  
9 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or 988  
10 Lifeline Centers to the organizations indicated:

11 a. designated 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers shall provide  
12 to the State of Oklahoma including the Department of  
13 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services having  
14 primary oversight of suicide prevention, data and  
15 reports on crisis service activities and essential  
16 coordination,

17 b. data related to their participation in evaluations  
18 related to quality improvement activities, and

19 c. other data and reports as required; and

20 7. The following information and reporting are required by the  
21 Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or 988  
22 Lifeline Centers to the organizations indicated:

23 The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
24 will report revenue generated by the 988 telecommunications fees,

1 fund deposits, expenditures and other related information as  
2 required to the Legislature and to the Federal Communications  
3 Commission (FCC).

4 8. The state shall use its authority to promulgate rules and  
5 regulations to allow appropriate information sharing and  
6 communication between and across crisis and emergency response  
7 systems for the purpose of real-time crisis care coordination  
8 including, but not limited to, deployment of crisis and outgoing  
9 services and linked, flexible services specific to crisis response;

10 9. The state or related public health authority shall assure  
11 active collaborations and coordination of service linkages between  
12 the designated centers and crisis receiving and stabilization  
13 services for individuals accessing the 988 Lifeline through  
14 appropriate information sharing regarding availability of services;

15 10. The Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
16 Services shall work to build collaboration between and among the  
17 designated centers and key community stakeholders including  
18 residents, community groups, peer organizations, faith  
19 organizations, business owners, neighborhood leaders, and Commission  
20 members;

21 11. The designated 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers shall provide  
22 follow-up services to individuals accessing the 988 Lifeline  
23 consistent with guidance and policies established by the 988  
24 Lifeline administrator;

1           12. The designated 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers shall meet the  
2 requirements set forth by the state or 988 Lifeline administrator  
3 for serving at-risk and specialized populations as identified by the  
4 state or SAMHSA including, but not be limited to:

- 5           a. children, youth and young people,
- 6           b. racially, ethnically, and linguistically diverse  
7           populations,
- 8           c. rural individuals,
- 9           d. veterans,
- 10          e. American Indians,
- 11          f. Alaskan Natives, and
- 12          g. other high-risk populations as well as those with co-  
13          occurring substance use; provide culturally and  
14          linguistically competent care; and include training  
15          requirements and policies for transferring a 988  
16          Lifeline contact to an appropriate specialized center  
17          or subnetworks within the 988 Lifeline network;

18          13. The state or related public health authority and designated  
19 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers shall utilize technology to enhance  
20 communication and coordination in the delivery of behavioral health  
21 crisis services, and for data collection, analysis and sharing; and

22          14. The state or related public health authority and designated  
23 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers shall take action to identify and  
24 implement behavioral health crisis workforce strategies for



1 recruitment, retention, and support of a variety of behavioral  
2 health professionals and a certified peer recovery workforce.

3 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12-202 of Title 43A, unless  
5 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 The State of Oklahoma shall establish a statewide 988 Trust Fund  
7 for the following purposes:

8 1. To create and maintain a statewide 988 Lifeline system  
9 pursuant to the National Suicide Hotline Designation Act of 2020,  
10 the Federal Communication Commission's rules adopted July 16, 2020,  
11 and October 17, 2024, and the National Guidelines For A Behavioral  
12 Health Coordinated System Of Crisis Care;

13 2. To support or enhance 988 services, including state-  
14 designated 988 Lifeline Crisis Centers, and mobile crisis and  
15 outreach services in specified circumstances;

16 3. The fund shall consist of:

17 a. the statewide 988 telecommunications fee assessed on  
18 users under Section 4 of this act,

19 b. appropriations made by the Legislature,

20 c. available federal funding that has been allocated by  
21 the state for the purposes of 988 Lifeline  
22 implementation,

23 d. grants and gifts intended for deposit in the fund,  
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1 e. interest, premiums, gains, or other earnings on the  
2 fund, and

3 f. monies from any other source deposited in or  
4 transferred to the fund;

5 4. The fund shall be created and administered by the State  
6 Treasurer or the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
7 Services and money in the fund shall be expended to offset costs  
8 that are or can be reasonably attributed to:

9 a. implementing, maintaining, and improving the 988  
10 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline including staffing and  
11 technological infrastructure enhancements necessary to  
12 achieve operational and clinical standards and best  
13 practices set forth by the state, the Department of  
14 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or 988  
15 Lifeline administrator,

16 b. provision of acute behavioral health, crisis outreach,  
17 and receiving and stabilization services by directly  
18 responding to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, or

19 c. personnel for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline  
20 centers;

21 5. Money in the fund:

22 a. does not revert at the end of any state fiscal year  
23 and shall remain available for the purposes of the  
24 fund in subsequent state fiscal years,

- 1           b.    is not subject to transfer to any other fund or to  
2                   transfer, assignment, or reassignment for any other  
3                   use or purpose outside of those specified in this  
4                   section,
- 5           c.    is continuously appropriated for the purposes of the  
6                   fund,
- 7           d.    to the extent that the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline  
8                   Centers are fully funded, the expansion and ongoing  
9                   funding of mobile crisis teams and outreach teams,
- 10          e.    to the extent that the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline  
11                   Centers and the mobile crisis teams are fully funded,  
12                   remaining revenues in the Trust Fund shall be used for  
13                   a variety of crisis receiving and stabilization  
14                   services, including services provided by:
- 15                   (1)  crisis stabilization settings,  
16                   (2)  residential settings,  
17                   (3)  additional behavioral health stabilization  
18                                services and supports, and  
19                   (4)  peer crisis respite, and
- 20          f.    mobile crisis teams shall operate in compliance with  
21                   rules adopted by the Department of Mental Health and  
22                   Substance Abuse Services.
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1 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12-203 of Title 43A, unless  
3 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 The State of Oklahoma, in compliance with the National Suicide  
5 Hotline Designation Act of 2020, shall establish a monthly statewide  
6 988 telecommunications fee to support and sustain the 988 Suicide  
7 and Crisis Lifeline centers.

8 A. There shall be imposed a 9-8-8 telephone fee as follows:

9 1. Five cents (\$0.05) monthly on each wireless telephone  
10 connection and other wireless communication device or service  
11 connection with the ability to dial 9-8-8 for emergency calls;

12 2. Five cents (\$0.05) monthly on each service with the ability  
13 to dial 9-8-8 for emergency calls, including landline; and

14 3. Five cents (\$0.05) on each prepaid wireless retail  
15 transaction occurring in this state.

16 B. 1. For purposes of paragraph 3 of subsection A of this  
17 section, a retail transaction that is effected in person by a  
18 consumer at a business location of the seller shall be treated as  
19 occurring in this state if that business location is in this state.

20 Any other retail transaction shall be sourced as provided in  
21 paragraphs 2 through 5 of this subsection as applicable.

22 2. When the retail transaction does not occur at a business  
23 location of the seller, the retail transaction shall be sourced to  
24 the location where receipt by the consumer, or the consumer's donee,

1 designated as such by the consumer, occurs, including the location  
2 indicated by instructions for delivery to the consumer or donee,  
3 known to the seller.

4 3. When the provisions of paragraph 2 of this subsection do not  
5 apply, the sale shall be sourced to the location indicated by an  
6 address for the consumer that is available from the business records  
7 of the seller that are maintained in the ordinary course of the  
8 seller's business when use of this address does not constitute bad  
9 faith.

10 4. When the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this subsection  
11 do not apply, the sale shall be sourced to the location indicated by  
12 an address for the consumer obtained during the consummation of the  
13 sale, including the address of a consumer's payment instrument, if  
14 no other address is available, when use of this address does not  
15 constitute bad faith.

16 5. When none of the previous rules of paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4  
17 of this subsection apply, including the circumstance in which the  
18 seller is without sufficient information to apply the previous  
19 rules, then the location shall be determined by the address from  
20 which the service was provided, disregarding for these purposes any  
21 location that merely provided the digital transfer of the product  
22 sold. If the seller knows the mobile telephone number, the location  
23 will be that which is associated with the mobile telephone number.

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1 C. The revenue generated by a 988 fee should be sequestered in  
2 a trust as specified in Section 3 of this act to be obligated or  
3 expended only in support of 988 services, or enhancements of such  
4 services.

5 D. Consistent with 47 U.S.C. Section 251a, the revenue  
6 generated by a 988 fee shall only be used to offset costs that are  
7 or will be reasonably attributed to:

8 1. Ensuring the efficient and effective routing and answering  
9 or handling of calls, chats and texts made to the 988 Suicide and  
10 Crisis Lifeline and to the designated 988 Lifeline centers including  
11 staffing and technological infrastructure enhancements necessary to  
12 achieve operational, performance and clinical standards and best  
13 practices set forth by the state or 988 Lifeline administrator;

14 2. Personnel and the provision of acute mental health services  
15 by directly responding to the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline; and

16 3. For mobile crisis teams or crisis receiving and  
17 stabilization services as specified in Section 3 of this act.

18 E. The revenue generated by 988 telecommunications fees may  
19 only be used for expenses that are not:

20 1. Reimbursed through Medicaid, Medicare, federal or state-  
21 regulated health insurance plans, disability insurers, and  
22 including, but not limited to, municipal or county programs or  
23 funding, not otherwise covered by another entity;

24 2. A covered service by the individual's health coverage; and

1 3. Covered because the service recipient's name and health  
2 coverage information cannot be obtained or billed.

3 F. The 988 fee revenue shall be used to supplement, not  
4 supplant, any federal, state, or local funding for suicide  
5 prevention or behavioral health crisis services.

6 G. The 988-telecommunication fee amount shall be adjusted  
7 annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which represents  
8 the rate of inflation and is determined by the Bureau of Labor  
9 Statistics (BLS) to provide for continuous operation, volume  
10 increases, and maintenance.

11 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12-204 of Title 43A, unless  
13 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 The State of Oklahoma shall implement strategies to ensure that  
15 the behavioral health crisis service system is adequately funded,  
16 including mechanisms for reimbursement of behavioral health crisis  
17 response, but not limited to:

18 A. Ensuring that to the extent available any necessary federal  
19 approvals are obtained and federal financial participation is  
20 available and is not otherwise jeopardized, seeking to maximize all  
21 available federal funding sources for the purposes of behavioral  
22 health crisis services and administrative activities related to 988  
23 implementation, including:

24 1. Federal Medicaid reimbursement for services;

1           2. Federal Medicaid reimbursement for administrative expenses,  
2 including the development and maintenance of information technology;  
3 and supporting implementation of the behavioral health crisis  
4 continuum through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance  
5 Program (CHIP) through Section 5124 of the Consolidated  
6 Appropriations Act of 2023 (CAA, 2023); and

7           3. Federal grants.

8           B. Mandating the Oklahoma Insurance Department and Medicaid  
9 behavioral managed health care to exercise their enforcement  
10 authority by verifying reimbursement to 988 centers for medically  
11 necessary behavioral health crisis services by health care service  
12 plans and disability insurers, and consistent with the requirements  
13 of the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of  
14 2008, 29 U.S.C. Sec. 1185a, the September 9, 2024, final rules  
15 implementing the nonquantitative treatment limitation ("NQTL")  
16 comparative analyses requirements under the Mental Health Parity and  
17 Addiction Equity Act of 2008 ("MHPAEA"), in accordance with the  
18 amendments made to the law in 2021, and pursuant to the No Surprises  
19 Act, including 26 U.S. Code Section 9816, 29 U.S. Code Section  
20 1185e, and 42 U.S. Code Section 300gg-111, and it's implementing  
21 regulations.

22           SECTION 6. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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