

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to long-term care; amending 56 O.S. 2021, Section 2002, which relates to the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee; updating statutory language; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2216, as amended by Section 17, Chapter 339, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 1-2216), which relates to the Oklahoma State Council on Aging and Adult Protective Services; updating statutory language; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2021, Section 2002, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2002. A. For the purpose of providing quality care enhancements, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority is authorized to and shall assess a Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee pursuant to this section upon each nursing facility licensed in this state. Facilities operated by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall be exempt from this fee. Quality of care enhancements include, but are not limited to, the purposes specified in this section.

1 B. As a basis for determining the Nursing Facilities Quality of
2 Care Fee assessed upon each licensed nursing facility, the Authority
3 shall calculate a uniform per-patient day rate. The rate shall be
4 calculated by dividing six percent (6%) of the total annual patient
5 gross receipts of all licensed nursing facilities in this state by
6 the total number of patient days for all licensed nursing facilities
7 in this state. The result shall be the per-patient day rate.
8 Beginning July 15, 2004, the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee
9 shall not be increased unless specifically authorized by the
10 Legislature.

11 C. Pursuant to any approved Medicaid waiver and pursuant to
12 subsection N of this section, the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care
13 Fee shall not exceed the amount or rate allowed by federal law for
14 nursing home licensed bed days.

15 D. The Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee owed by a
16 licensed nursing facility shall be calculated by the Authority by
17 adding the daily patient census of a licensed nursing facility, as
18 reported by the facility for each day of the month, and by
19 multiplying the ensuing figure by the per-patient day rate
20 determined pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this
21 section.

22 E. Each licensed nursing facility which is assessed the Nursing
23 Facilities Quality of Care Fee shall be required to file a report on
24 a monthly basis with the Authority detailing the daily patient
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1 census and patient gross receipts at such time and in such manner as
2 required by the Authority.

3 F. 1. The Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee for a
4 licensed nursing facility for the period beginning October 1, 2000,
5 shall be determined using the daily patient census and annual
6 patient gross receipts figures reported to the Authority for the
7 calendar year 1999 upon forms supplied by the Authority.

8 2. Annually the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee shall be
9 determined by:

- 10 a. using the daily patient census and patient gross
11 receipts reports received by the Authority for the
12 most recent available twelve (12) months, and
13 b. annualizing those figures.

14 Each year thereafter, the annualization of the Nursing
15 Facilities Quality of Care Fee specified in this paragraph shall be
16 subject to the limitation in subsection B of this section unless the
17 provision of subsection C of this section is met.

18 G. The payment of the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee by
19 licensed nursing facilities shall be an allowable cost for Medicaid
20 reimbursement purposes.

21 H. 1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
22 revolving fund to be designated the "Nursing Facility Quality of
23 Care Fund".
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1 2. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
2 year limitations, and shall consist of:

- 3 a. all monies received by the Authority pursuant to this
- 4 section and otherwise specified or authorized by law,
- 5 b. monies received by the Authority due to federal
- 6 financial participation pursuant to Title XIX of the
- 7 Social Security Act, and
- 8 c. interest attributable to investment of money in the
- 9 fund.

10 3. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
11 appropriated and shall be budgeted and expended by the Authority
12 for:

- 13 a. reimbursement of the additional costs paid to
- 14 Medicaid-certified nursing facilities for purposes
- 15 specified by Sections 1-1925.2 and 5022.2 of Title 63
- 16 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
- 17 b. reimbursement of the Medicaid rate increases for
- 18 intermediate care facilities for individuals with
- 19 intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID),
- 20 c. nonemergency transportation services for Medicaid-
- 21 eligible nursing home clients,
- 22 d. eyeglass and denture services for Medicaid-eligible
- 23 nursing home clients,
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- 1 e. fifteen ombudsmen employed by the ~~Department of Human~~
2 ~~Services~~ Office of the Attorney General,
- 3 f. ten additional nursing facility inspectors employed by
4 the State Department of Health,
- 5 g. pharmacy and other Medicaid services to qualified
6 Medicare beneficiaries whose incomes are at or below
7 one hundred percent (100%) of the federal poverty
8 level; provided however, pharmacy benefits authorized
9 for such qualified Medicare beneficiaries shall be
10 suspended if the federal government subsequently
11 extends pharmacy benefits to this population,
- 12 h. costs incurred by the Authority in the administration
13 of the provisions of this section and any programs
14 created pursuant to this section,
- 15 i. durable medical equipment and supplies services for
16 Medicaid-eligible elderly adults, and
- 17 j. personal needs allowance increases for residents of
18 nursing homes and Intermediate Care Facilities for
19 Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID)
20 from Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)
21 per month per resident.

22 4. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
23 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
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1 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
2 Services for approval and payment.

3 5. The fund and the programs specified in this section funded
4 by revenues collected from the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care
5 Fee pursuant to this section are exempt from budgetary cuts,
6 reductions, or eliminations.

7 6. The Medicaid rate increases for intermediate care facilities
8 for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID) shall not
9 exceed the net Medicaid rate increase for nursing facilities
10 including, but not limited to, the Medicaid rate increase for which
11 Medicaid-certified nursing facilities are eligible due to the
12 Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee less the portion of that
13 increase attributable to treating the Nursing Facilities Quality of
14 Care Fee as an allowable cost.

15 7. The reimbursement rate for nursing facilities shall be made
16 in accordance with Oklahoma's Medicaid reimbursement rate
17 methodology and the provisions of this section.

18 8. No nursing facility shall be guaranteed, expressly or
19 otherwise, that any additional costs reimbursed to the facility will
20 equal or exceed the amount of the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care
21 Fee paid by the nursing facility.

22 I. 1. In the event that federal financial participation
23 pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act is not available to
24 the Oklahoma Medicaid program, for purposes of matching expenditures

1 from the Nursing Facility Quality of Care Fund at the approved
2 federal medical assistance percentage for the applicable fiscal
3 year, the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee shall be null and
4 void as of the date of the nonavailability of such federal funding,
5 through and during any period of nonavailability.

6 2. In the event of an invalidation of this section by any court
7 of last resort under circumstances not covered in subsection J of
8 this section, the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee shall be
9 null and void as of the effective date of that invalidation.

10 3. In the event that the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee
11 is determined to be null and void for any of the reasons enumerated
12 in this subsection, any Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee
13 assessed and collected for any periods after such invalidation shall
14 be returned in full within sixty (60) days by the Authority to the
15 nursing facility from which it was collected.

16 J. 1. If any provision of this section or the application
17 thereof shall be adjudged to be invalid by any court of last resort,
18 such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the provisions
19 of the section, but shall be confined in its operation to the
20 provision thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such
21 judgment was rendered. The applicability of such provision to other
22 persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

23 2. This subsection shall not apply to any judgment that affects
24 the rate of the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee, its

1 applicability to all licensed nursing homes in the state, the usage
2 of the fee for the purposes prescribed in this section, or the
3 ability of the Authority to obtain full federal participation to
4 match its expenditures of the proceeds of the fee.

5 K. The Authority shall promulgate rules for the implementation
6 and enforcement of the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee
7 established by this section.

8 L. The Authority shall provide for administrative penalties in
9 the event nursing facilities fail to:

- 10 1. Submit the Quality of Care Fee;
- 11 2. Submit the fee in a timely manner;
- 12 3. Submit reports as required by this section; or
- 13 4. Submit reports timely.

14 M. As used in this section:

15 1. "Nursing facility" means any home, establishment or
16 institution, or any portion thereof, licensed by the State
17 Department of Health as defined in Section 1-1902 of Title 63 of the
18 Oklahoma Statutes;

19 2. "Medicaid" means the medical assistance program established
20 in Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and administered in
21 this state by the Authority;

22 3. "Patient gross revenues" means gross revenues received in
23 compensation for services provided to residents of nursing
24 facilities including, but not limited to, client participation. The

1 term "patient gross revenues" shall not include amounts received by
2 nursing facilities as charitable contributions; and

3 4. "Additional costs paid to Medicaid-certified nursing
4 facilities under Oklahoma's Medicaid reimbursement methodology"
5 means both state and federal Medicaid expenditures including, but
6 not limited to, funds in excess of the aggregate amounts that would
7 otherwise have been paid to Medicaid-certified nursing facilities
8 under the Medicaid reimbursement methodology which have been updated
9 for inflationary, economic, and regulatory trends and which are in
10 effect immediately prior to the inception of the Nursing Facilities
11 Quality of Care Fee.

12 N. 1. As per any approved federal Medicaid waiver, the
13 assessment rate subject to the provision of subsection C of this
14 section is to remain the same as those rates that were in effect
15 prior to January 1, 2012, for all state-licensed continuum of care
16 facilities.

17 2. Any facilities that made application to the State Department
18 of Health to become a licensed continuum of care facility no later
19 than January 1, 2012, shall be assessed at the same rate as those
20 facilities assessed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection;
21 provided, that any facility making the application shall receive the
22 license on or before September 1, 2012. Any facility that fails to
23 receive such license from the State Department of Health by
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1 September 1, 2012, shall be assessed at the rate established by
2 subsection C of this section subsequent to September 1, 2012.

3 O. If any provision of this section, or the application
4 thereof, is determined by any controlling federal agency, or any
5 court of last resort to prevent the state from obtaining federal
6 financial participation in the state's Medicaid program, such
7 provision shall be deemed null and void as of the date of the
8 nonavailability of such federal funding and through and during any
9 period of nonavailability. All other provisions of the bill shall
10 remain valid and enforceable.

11 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-2216, as
12 amended by Section 17, Chapter 339, O.S.L. 2024 (63 O.S. Supp. 2024,
13 Section 1-2216), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 1-2216. A. The Attorney General shall promulgate rules
15 regarding:

16 1. The powers and official duties of the State Long-Term Care
17 Ombudsman consistent with applicable federal law and rules or as
18 provided by the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Act;

19 2. Minimum qualifications for persons to serve as
20 representatives of the Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman;

21 3. Initial and continuing training requirements for ombudsman
22 staff and volunteers which shall provide for a minimum of eighteen
23 (18) hours of continuing education relevant to the care of the aging
24 and disabled;

1 4. The minimum number of visits that must be made by an
2 ombudsman to the assigned facilities;

3 5. The proper documentation and reporting of visits made to
4 facilities by the ombudsman;

5 6. Procedures to ensure that officers, employees, or other
6 representatives of the Office are not subject to a conflict of
7 interest which would impair their ability to carry out their
8 official duties in an impartial manner; and

9 7. The disclosure by the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman or area
10 or local Ombudsman entities of files maintained by the State Long-
11 Term Care Ombudsman Program. Such rules shall:

12 a. provide that such files and records may be disclosed
13 only at the discretion of the State Long-Term Care
14 Ombudsman or the person designated by the State Long-
15 Term Care Ombudsman to disclose the files and records,
16 and

17 b. prohibit the disclosure of the identity of any
18 complainant or resident with respect to whom the
19 Office maintains such files or records unless:

20 (1) the complainant or resident, or the legal
21 representative of the complainant or resident,
22 consents to the disclosure and the consent is
23 given in writing,

1 (2) (a) the complainant or resident gives consent
2 orally, and

3 (b) the consent is documented contemporaneously
4 in a writing made by a State Long-Term Care
5 Ombudsman representative of the Office in
6 accordance with such rules as the Attorney
7 General shall promulgate, or

8 (3) the disclosure is required by court order.

9 B. The Oklahoma State Council on Aging and Adult Protective
10 Services, established by the ~~Attorney General~~ Department of Human
11 Services to review, monitor, and evaluate programs targeted to older
12 persons, shall serve in an advisory capacity to the State Long-Term
13 Care Ombudsman through establishment of a committee with equal
14 provider and consumer representation.

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

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