

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB56
Version:	ENGR
Request Number:	
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Impact:	Medicaid Savings: \$0 - \$3,101,030

Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 56 provides that no later than one year after the effect date of the program and subject to approval, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority must establish a program under which a family member of a Medicaid member may be recognized as a family caregiver and may, under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse, provide services to a Medicaid member through a licensed home care agency under reimbursement rates established under the Authority. The Medicaid member must meet outlined requirements. The program will require the family caregiver to fulfill requirements or meet qualifications prescribed by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board. The Board may also prescribe standards for training, competency evaluation, and other requirements as deemed necessary. The Board must establish scope of practice standards and restrictions for services a family caregiver may provide to a Medicaid enrollee. Making sure the family caregiver meets qualifications and requirements will be the duty of the home care agency. The Administrator of the Authority will apply for state plan amendments and waivers as necessary for implementation and to secure federal financial participation for state Medicaid expenditures under the federal program.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 56 allows a family member of a Medicaid enrollee to provide services through a licensed home care agency for reimbursement. The family member must be recognized by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) as a family caregiver and must be under the direction and supervision of a Registered Nurse.

The measure directs OHCA to establish the program no later than one year after the effective date of July 1, 2025. Implementation of the program is subject to federal approval. Although actual state savings will depend on the reimbursement rate for the Paid Family Caregiver, OHCA estimates the impact will range from budget-neutral to a state savings of up to Three Million One Hundred One Thousand Thirty Dollars (\$3,101,030) due to these services being provided by a family member.

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Other Considerations

None.

