

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1036

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to ambulance service; creating the Oklahoma Triage, Treat, and Transport to Alternative Destination Act; providing short title; defining terms; requiring coverage for certain services; providing certain limitations; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act may be known and cited as the "Oklahoma Triage, Treat, and Transport to Alternative Destination Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.11c of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this act:

1. "9-1-1 call" means a communication made on behalf of an enrollee indicating that the enrollee may need emergency medical services;

1 2. a. "Alternative destination" means a lower-acuity
2 facility that provides medical services, including,
3 but not limited to:

- 4 (1) a Federally Qualified Health Center,
- 5 (2) an urgent care center,
- 6 (3) a physician's office or medical clinic, or
- 7 (4) a behavioral or mental health care facility,
8 including, but not limited to, a crisis
9 stabilization unit and a diversion center.

10 b. Alternative destination does not include:

- 11 (1) a dialysis center,
- 12 (2) a hospital,
- 13 (3) a private residence, or
- 14 (4) a skilled nursing facility;

15 3. "Ambulance service" has the same meaning as provided by
16 Section 1-2503 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

17 4. "Enrollee" means an individual who is covered by any health
18 benefit plan; and

19 5. "Health benefit plan" means any such policy as provided by
20 Section 4405.1 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

21 B. On and after January 1, 2026, any insurer that offers,
22 issues, or renews a health benefit plan in this state shall provide
23 coverage for:

24 1. Services provided by an ambulance service provider to:

1 a. treat an enrollee in place, or

2 b. triage, treat, or transport an enrollee to an
3 alternative destination; and

4 2. An encounter between an ambulance service and enrollee that
5 results in no transport of the enrollee.

6 C. The coverage under this section:

7 1. Is subject to the initiation of ambulance service treatment
8 as a result of a 9-1-1 call that is documented in the records of the
9 ambulance service;

10 2. Is subject to health benefit plan deductibles or copayment
11 requirements;

12 3. Does not diminish or limit benefits otherwise allowable
13 under a health benefit plan, even if the billing claims for medical
14 or behavioral health services overlap in time that is billed by the
15 ambulance service that is also providing care; and

16 4. Is subject to any health benefit plan provision that applies
17 to other services covered by the health benefit plan.

18 D. The reimbursement rate for an ambulance service whose
19 operators triage, treat, and transport an enrollee to an alternative
20 destination shall not be less than the minimum allowable
21 reimbursement rate for advanced life support with mileage to the
22 scene.

1 E. This act shall apply to all contracts subject to this
2 section that are entered into or renewed on or after January 1,
3 2026.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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