

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION 14

By: Yen of the Senate

and

Martin (Scott) of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution prohibiting the awarding of certain request for proposal and contracts; requiring review and approval by the Oklahoma Legislature; providing time period for approval; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma and our nation are facing universal Medicaid uncertainty unparalleled since Medicaid's inception in 1965; and

WHEREAS, federal funding for the state's Medicaid program may be in jeopardy over the near future without careful coordination between the state and federal government, health care and mental health provider community; and

WHEREAS, state tax revenues make up 18% of the total state Medicaid budget; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma's Medicaid budget has been cut by over \$400,000,000 since 2010 resulting in lower health care and mental

1 health provider rates and reducing access to care for the Medicaid
2 population; and

3 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's hospitals, nursing homes and behavioral
4 health providers partner with the Oklahoma Health Care Authority by
5 providing the state match for much of their provider rates resulting
6 in very successful public/private partnerships; and

7 WHEREAS, funding and sustainability for Oklahoma's Children's
8 Hospital is impacted by the loss of state and federal dollars; and

9 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's only Level One Trauma Center that provides
10 24-hour trauma care to Oklahoma's citizens would be tragically
11 impacted by the loss of state and federal dollars; and

12 WHEREAS, Oklahoma's two medical schools depend on Medicaid
13 dollars for medical education and rural outreach and may be impacted
14 by the loss of federal dollars; and

15 WHEREAS, the OU Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) and the OSU
16 Center for Health Sciences (OSUCHS) are economic engines to the
17 Oklahoma City and Tulsa communities and their campuses collectively
18 serve all seventy-seven counties through medical outreach, medical
19 residencies and complex specialty care; and

20 WHEREAS, the OSUCHS strives to enhance rural and underserved
21 health care through an aggressive physician recruitment program,
22 valuable physician training programs and the utilization of OSU
23 outreach and access programs, and the loss of funds would be
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1 detrimental to these programs and an already fragile state health
2 system; and

3 WHEREAS, "supplemental payments" and "provider fees" generate
4 approximately \$650,000,000 annually to the state Medicaid program
5 and those dollars may be at risk.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION
7 OF THE 56TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
8 CONCURRING THEREIN:

9 THAT the Request for Proposal for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled
10 population at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall not be
11 awarded or contracts signed in order to be reviewed and enacted
12 through legislation in the 2nd Session of the 56th Oklahoma
13 Legislature, due to the uncertainty of new federal managed care
14 regulations that will impact the Medicaid budget and the
15 "supplemental dollars" and provider rates herein.

16 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the
17 Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority and the Oklahoma
18 Health Care Authority Board.

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