An Act

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 292

By: Stanley of the Senate

and

Roe of the House

An Act relating to sexually transmitted infections; defining terms; requiring health benefit plans to cover cost of certain serological tests; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-515, which relates to tests for syphilis; modifying required frequency of testing; broadening applicability of certain provisions; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Sexually transmitted infections

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.4b of Title 36, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Health benefit plan" has the same meaning as provided by Section 6060.4 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

2. "Medically necessary" means services or supplies provided by a health care provider that are:

a. provided for the diagnosis of syphilis,

b. necessary for and appropriate to the diagnosis of syphilis,

c. within the generally accepted standards of medical care in the community, and

d. not solely for the convenience of the insured, the insured's family, or the provider.

B. A health benefit plan shall cover the cost of medically necessary standard serological tests for syphilis required under Section 1-515 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-515, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-515. A. Every physician, physician assistant, or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse attending a pregnant woman in ~~Oklahoma~~ this state during gestation shall, in the case of each woman so attended, take or cause to be taken a sample of blood of such woman ~~at the time of first examination~~, and shall submit such sample to an approved laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis, when indicated by current guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

B. Every other person permitted by law to attend upon pregnant women in the state but not permitted by law to take blood tests shall cause a sample of the blood of such pregnant woman to be taken by a duly licensed physician, physician assistant, or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, licensed to practice in ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state, and submitted to an approved laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis.

C. The term "approved laboratory" shall mean a laboratory approved for the purposes of this section by the State Commissioner of Health. A standard serological test for syphilis shall be one recognized as such by the Commissioner. Such laboratory tests shall be made, on request, without charge by the State Department of Health.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of March, 2023.

Brent Howard
Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of April, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 24th
day of April, 20 23, at 4:12 o'clock p. M.
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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

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