

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 434

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public health and safety; directing
8 the State Department of Health to provide a cancer
9 patient navigation program; stating purpose; providing
10 duties of program; authorizing the State Board of
11 Health to promulgate rules; providing for
12 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in
15 the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-558.1 of Title 63, unless there is
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The State Department of Health shall provide a cancer patient
18 navigation program. The purpose of the program shall be to provide
19 education about, and assistance with, the management of cancer.

20 B. At a minimum, the program shall:

21 1. Initially serve breast and cervical cancer patients statewide
22 who have been identified by the Department's Take Charge! Program,
23 and expand to all other cancer types as the program develops;
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1 2. Employ a multidisciplinary team approach to assist such
2 patients with access to health care, financial and legal assistance,
3 transportation, psychological support and other related issues; and

4 3. Be a part of an existing cancer service agency, not
5 affiliated with a particular health care institution, in order that
6 Take Charge! Program clients may be treated at any affiliated cancer
7 health care facility in the state.

8 C. The State Board of Health may promulgate rules as necessary
9 to implement the provisions of this section.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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