Research Analysis

The proposed committee substitute establishes work requirements to participate in the Medicaid program. The measure exempts certain individuals from the work requirement, including individuals who are under 19 years of age, over 60 years of age, pregnant, medically certified as physically or mentally unfit for employment, or who are a parent or caretaker of a dependent child under one year of age. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is to seek any federal approval necessary to carry out the provisions of the measure. It prohibits the Department of Human Services from seeking, applying for, accepting, or renewing any waiver of requirements established under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015(o). It directs the Department to assign certain individuals to participate in an employment and training program established under 7 U.S.C. Section 2015 (d) (4). Lastly, the measure directs the authority and department to promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of the measure.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is to seek any federal approval necessary to carry out the provisions of the measure. If federal approval is obtained, there would be no reduction or loss of federal funds. Estimated savings to the state due to a drop in enrollment is not known at this time.

Other Considerations

The SNAP program, administered by the Department of Human Services is intended to serve as an example of the work requirement rules to be applied to the Medicaid program administered by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority.

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