

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 806

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to nutrition services; creating the Food is Medicine Act; providing short title; creating certain financial incentive for contracted entities under the state Medicaid program; directing the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to seek federal approval to expand certain nutrition services; describing Food is Medicine Initiative; authorizing certain covered services; directing the State Department of Education to provide technical assistance related to the Oklahoma Farm to School Program Act; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 shall be known and may be cited as the "Food is Medicine Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4002.14a of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 Subject to receipt of any necessary federal approval for the
2 Food is Medicine Initiative under Section 3 of this act, the
3 Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall implement a financial incentive
4 for contracted entities who improve health outcomes of covered
5 members through nutrition services provided under the initiative.

6 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5009.7 of Title 63, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority shall seek any necessary
10 federal approval to expand covered nutrition services under the
11 state Medicaid program for the purpose of implementing a Food is
12 Medicine Initiative.

13 B. The Food is Medicine Initiative shall be designed to improve
14 health outcomes for Medicaid members through nutrition services and
15 reduce the need for medical care.

16 C. Nutrition services covered under the Food is Medicine
17 Initiative may include, but are not limited to:

- 18 1. Case management;
 - 19 2. Nutrition counseling;
 - 20 3. Meals or pantry stocking;
 - 21 4. Nutrition prescriptions; and
 - 22 5. Grocery provisions.
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SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5-147.2 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The State Department of Education shall provide, to schools who apply for grants under the Oklahoma Farm to School Program Act codified at Section 5-60.1 et seq. of Title 2 of the Oklahoma Statutes, technical assistance with applying for grants and administering programs that expand student access to fresh, healthy food.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

SECTION 6. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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