

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 SENATE BILL 1036

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to ambulance service; creating the  
8 Oklahoma Triage, Treat, and Transport to Alternative  
9 Destination Act; providing short title; defining  
terms; requiring coverage for certain services;  
providing certain limitations; providing for  
noncodification; providing for codification; and  
providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be  
14 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

15 This act may be known and cited as the "Oklahoma Triage, Treat,  
16 and Transport to Alternative Destination Act".

17 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 6060.11c of Title 36, unless  
19 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. As used in this act:

21 1. "9-1-1 call" means a communication made on behalf of an  
22 enrollee indicating that the enrollee may need emergency medical  
23 services;

1           2. a. "Alternative destination" means a lower-acuity  
2                         facility that provides medical services, including,  
3                                 but not limited to:  
4                                 (1) a Federally Qualified Health Center,  
5                                 (2) an urgent care center,  
6                                 (3) a physician's office or medical clinic, or  
7                                 (4) a behavioral or mental health care facility,  
8   including, but not limited to, a crisis  
9   stabilization unit and a diversion center.

10           b. Alternative destination does not include:  
11                         (1) a dialysis center,  
12                         (2) a hospital,  
13                         (3) a private residence, or  
14                         (4) a skilled nursing facility;

15           3. "Ambulance service" has the same meaning as provided by  
16                         Section 1-2503 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

17           4. "Enrollee" means an individual who is covered by any health  
18                         benefit plan; and

19           5. "Health benefit plan" means any such policy as provided by  
20                         Section 4405.1 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

21           B. On and after January 1, 2026, any insurer that offers,  
22                         issues, or renews a health benefit plan in this state shall provide  
23                         coverage for:

24           1. Services provided by an ambulance service provider to:

- 1           a. treat an enrollee in place, or  
2           b. triage, treat, or transport an enrollee to an  
3                 alternative destination; and  
4         2. An encounter between an ambulance service and enrollee that  
5         results in no transport of the enrollee.

6         C. The coverage under this section:

7         1. Is subject to the initiation of ambulance service treatment  
8         as a result of a 9-1-1 call that is documented in the records of the  
9         ambulance service;

10        2. Is subject to health benefit plan deductibles or copayment  
11        requirements;

12        3. Does not diminish or limit benefits otherwise allowable  
13        under a health benefit plan, even if the billing claims for medical  
14        or behavioral health services overlap in time that is billed by the  
15        ambulance service that is also providing care; and

16        4. Is subject to any health benefit plan provision that applies  
17        to other services covered by the health benefit plan.

18        D. The reimbursement rate for an ambulance service whose  
19        operators triage, treat, and transport an enrollee to an alternative  
20        destination shall not be less than the minimum allowable  
21        reimbursement rate for advanced life support with mileage to the  
22        scene.

1       E. This act shall apply to all contracts subject to this  
2 section that are entered into or renewed on or after January 1,  
3 2026.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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