

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                   1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4                   HOUSE BILL 1686

By: Roe of the House

5                   and

6                   **Rosino** of the Senate

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8                   AS INTRODUCED

9                   An Act relating to sepsis protocols; defining term;  
10                  directing hospitals to establish sepsis protocols;  
11                  implementing guidelines for sepsis protocols;  
12                  mandating staff training; providing clinical criteria  
13                  for Medicaid and Medicare services; providing for  
14                  codification; and providing an effective date.

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

16                  SECTION 1.        NEW LAW        A new section of law to be codified  
17                  in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-724.1 of Title 63, unless  
18                  there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19                  A. "Sepsis" means a proven or suspected infection accompanied  
20                  by a systemic inflammatory response.

21                  B. A hospital shall establish, implement, and periodically  
22                  update evidence-based protocols for the early identification and  
23                  treatment of patients with sepsis and septic shock.

24                  C. The sepsis protocols shall address, at a minimum:

1       1. Screening patients for, and early recognition in patients  
2 of, health-care-acquired and community-acquired sepsis and septic  
3 shock;

4       2. Identification of patients for whom treatment, using the  
5 sepsis protocols, is appropriate, and for whom treatment would be  
6 inappropriate based on patient-specific clinical or bioethical  
7 considerations, and documentation of these patient identification  
8 activities;

9       3. Treatment guidelines;

10      4. Components that are population-specific as clinically  
11 indicated in accordance with evidence-based best practices, such as  
12 perinatal, neonatal, pediatric, and adult variations that may exist  
13 in the identification and treatment of sepsis, with corresponding  
14 development and use of clinical staff training materials and  
15 practice tools that distinctly identify these population-specific  
16 variations; and

17      5. Training of clinical staff in the sepsis protocols and  
18 providing updated training upon substantive revisions thereof.

19      D. A hospital shall ensure that appropriate clinical staff  
20 receive training in the sepsis protocols.

21      SECTION 2.     NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1-724.2 of Title 63, unless  
23 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1       For purposes of the early identification and treatment of  
2 sepsis, and for consistency with the ICD-10-CM coding classification  
3 system utilized by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
4 Services, any third-party payor or managed care organization with  
5 which the Oklahoma Health Care Authority contracts for the delivery  
6 of Medicaid services, and any health benefit plan as defined  
7 pursuant to Section 6060.4 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
8 shall use and apply clinical criteria for sepsis that requires no  
9 more than:

10       1. A provider's diagnosis of sepsis and that a suspected or  
11 confirmed source of infection is present; and

12       2. The presence of two or more symptoms indicating inflammatory  
13 response syndrome which may include elevated values of the patient's  
14 body temperature, heart rate, white blood count, or respiratory  
15 rate.

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

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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OVERSIGHT, dated 02/26/2025 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.  
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