



2017 Proposed OHA Legislative Program

OHA Priority Initiatives

1. **Accept federal funds** - The OHA believes the state must move forward to adopt an integrated health reform plan that: improves quality and outcomes, contains costs, improves access and improves sustainability by enacting payment and delivery system reforms in the Oklahoma Medicaid program while increasing coverage by accepting federal funds and building upon Insure Oklahoma.

Action Items

1. **Cigarette tax increase** – Support the passage of at least a \$1.50 increase per pack of cigarettes and dedicate the funds to health care programs with a priority of restoring provider rates in the Medicaid and mental health programs.
2. **Fiscal health of hospitals:**
 - A. Initiate legislation that modifies Oklahoma state bankruptcy laws for public trust hospitals. Background: Chapter 9 Reorganization has been used for government owned hospital facilities. The purpose of chapter 9 is to provide a financially-distressed municipality protection from its creditors while it develops and negotiates a plan for adjusting its debts. Reorganization of the debts of a municipality is typically accomplished either by extending debt maturities, reducing the amount of principal or interest, or refinancing the debt by obtaining a new loan.
 - B. RAC Audit – Initiate legislation that requires the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to allow at least 45 days for providers to appeal following notification of payment or reduction. Background: This was a 2016 regulatory initiative, however administrative remedies have not been successful and the current 20 days is unworkable.
 - C. Direct Sales Tax Permit Modifications – Monitor an amendment to the 2013 legislation (HB 1399) that allows hospitals and physicians to obtain a direct sales permit without payment of sales or use taxes to the seller for drugs, medical appliances and devices if those devices are used on patients who are recipients of Medicare or Medicaid.
 - D. 3rd Party Medical Liens – Monitor the proposal by OHCA for a super lien by revising the language in Tit. 63 O.S. §5051.1 to indicate that the OHCA lien is inferior to the claimant's/plaintiff's attorneys lien, but superior to the liens of any other individual or entity. It may be necessary to revise the language of the other related lien statutes.