



An urgent update from OHA. Please take action now!

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IMMEDIATE phone calls to your House of Representatives member must be made ASAP, confirming or asking for a **YES** vote on HB 1035, the "grand bargain revenue bill" that passed the Oklahoma Senate yesterday with a supermajority (37 - 5). Senate Republicans and Democrats voted for the bill.

- The bill includes increases in the cigarette tax by \$1.50 and other tobacco products, motor fuel at 6 cents per gallon, and low-point beer taxes, as well as an increase from 2 percent to 4 percent in the gross production tax incentive rate for the first 36 months of new wells' production. The Senate amended the House bill to include the gross production tax hike.
- The House must pass the bill by a supermajority (76 yes votes) for it to avoid going to a vote of the people in November 2018, too late to help with the current budget or even next year's budget.

HB 1035 must pass NOW to avoid:

- 9% provider rate cut across the board from Soonercare.
- Total elimination of outpatient mental health services.
- Total elimination of residential treatment beds funded by Medicaid and Dept. of Mental Health.
- Severe cuts to nursing homes and services to our most vulnerable citizens.

Please urge your employees to call now from their cell phones! Click here to get contact info and send messages: <u>Urgent Alert: Last chance to pass revenue package to stop 9 percent cut!</u>