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A Newsletter for the Medical Community

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# MANAGED CARE: “WHY REINVENT THE WHEEL?” PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Spring has officially sprung. Hope everyone is enjoying our all too brief and volatile spring weather. Speaking of volatile spring, the legislative season is in full swing bills are either going to the Governor or going into the holding pattern of committee.

One of the most important pieces of legislation is the SB 131 “Oklahomans Caring for Oklahomans Act” which directs the Health Care Authority to develop and operate a state run managed care program meeting certain standards for Medicaid beneficiaries it has passed the Senate, passed the house amended so back in the Senate.

Unfortunately, I am senior enough to remember the debacle of the last Medicaid managed care. Patients essentially were not being treated by a majority of specialties. Pediatric practices could not accept the very low reimbursements and care suffered. The Governor has contracted with insurance companies setting aside money to reimburse start up costs for managed care that we are already doing very well within Oklahoma. Current overhead is approximately 5%, but that will increase to 15% for a loss of 10% of the dollars for care. This difference will be taken from the hospitals, providers, labs and ultimately and most importantly the patients.

A basic premise is the Governor does not have the power of the purse, but the legislative body representing taxpayers throughout the state has that power. Governor Stitt’s use of an appointed board of the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority that voted to proceed while ignoring questions regarding the process and need for legislative approval is very questionable. Within days of the vote contracts were signed and private vendors had literally billions of dollars. OSMA, TCMS and essentially every state taxpayer should be concerned about this process and how an unelected board has outsourced both substantial money and jobs to out of



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*TCMS President*

state vendors while placing the most vulnerable of our citizens at the mercy of for profit insurance companies. My experience, they have only one play book; deny care for these vulnerable patients. The irony is we have had an excellent stewardship and very low overhead in our current SoonerCare model that works. Why reinvent the wheel? I personally don’t understand the reasoning or gain behind this decision. The official reasoning sounds very hollow when the facts are known.

This is the time that we need your help! Review the OSMA legislative reports and assist by contacting legislators or via donations to OMPAC. I recently donated and implore all who read this to give whatever you feel comfortable. Even a very small donation is important as the number of donors is carefully watched. Link to OMPAC: <https://www.okmedicalpac.org/>

I also want to take this opportunity to thank George Monks, MD, outgoing OSMA President and Peter Aran, MD outgoing OSMA Chair of the Board of Trustees. No one could have expected the struggles we would endure with COVID since 2020, but both lead our state organization with exceptional leadership. Please join me in saying ‘Thank you’ to Dr. Monks and Dr. Aran.



Respectfully,



Diane M. Heaton, MD

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## MEDICAL PROVIDERS WOULD HAVE TO POST CASH PRICES UNDER BILL HEADED TO GOVERNOR

Medical providers would have to publicly post cash prices for common procedures under legislation sent to Gov. Kevin Stitt on Tuesday by the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

**House Bill 1006**, by Rep. Carol Bush, R-Tulsa, seems simple enough. Former U.S. Sen. Tom Coburn, a physician and advocate for pricing transparency in health care, would have probably liked it. But, for various reasons, the idea has taken years to work its way through the Oklahoma Legislature.

HB 1006 requires providers to post — online, if possible — the basic cash cost to the patient of the provider's 20 most-commonly performed procedures and services. Providers may list more than 20 if they want.

The price lists do not include additional charges for complications or “exceptional treatment,” nor do they affect rates negotiated through insurance plans. Bush first introduced her version of the legislation last year, but like a lot of things it became a casualty of COVID-19, which shortened the session by more than half.

“Some (doctors) asked me to run this, but I had my own first-hand experience,” Bush said. Before entering the Legislature in 2017, Bush worked for a small nonprofit and was self-insured. With a \$15,000 deductible, she really paid all medical expenses out of her own pocket — and that made her very careful.

“If I was supposed to get an MRI, I’d want to know how much it was going to cost,” Bush said. “I was surprised to find it could vary a lot.”

With health care costs and health insurance premiums, co-pays and deductibles rising — often to the point that people can’t afford them — Bush said more transparency, at least for cash customers, seemed appropriate.

The Legislature seems to agree. HB 1006 has passed the House twice and Senate once without a nay vote. It came back through the House Tuesday because of a technical change that did not affect the statute itself.

HB 1006 was among 15 sent to Stitt by the House on Tuesday.

*From The Tulsa World, Randy Krehbiel  
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## WELCOME BACK MEMBER!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY 6, 2021

OU Resident Research Night (VIRTUAL)  
Please contact Joetta at [joetta@tcmsok.org](mailto:joetta@tcmsok.org) or 918.743.6184 for more details.

### MAY 9, 2021

Happy Mother's Day to all TCMS Members.



### MAY 21, 2021

Proper Prescribing Virtual CME  
12-1pm

### JUNE 9, 2021

TCMS Foundation  
Board Meeting  
TCMS Office

### JUNE 10, 2021

OSU Resident Research Night (VIRTUAL)  
Please contact Joetta at [joetta@tcmsok.org](mailto:joetta@tcmsok.org) or 918.743.6184 for more details.

### PROPER PRESCRIBING VIRTUAL CME

Upcoming Dates  
Friday, May 21, 12-1pm  
Thursday, July 22, 6-7pm  
Friday, September 17, 12-1pm  
Thursday, November 18, 6-7pm  
Friday, December 3, 12-1pm

To sign up or for more information, contact Sandy Deeba, 405-601-9571 or visit [www.okmed.org](http://www.okmed.org)

\*Signed into law in 2018, Oklahoma's Senate Bill 1446 mandates that all physicians complete one hour of CME in pain management per year. To help Oklahoma's physicians better understand how this new law impacts their practice and patients, the Oklahoma State Medical Association is hosting special CMEs in Oklahoma City and Tulsa. This one-hour event offers insight to the legal issues affecting pain management and an overview of the new laws connected with prescribing opioids to patients. All Oklahoma physicians with a DEA license are required to take this one hour course annually.

# CONGRATULATIONS KAYSE SHRUM, DO

## SELECTED 19TH PRESIDENT OF OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

The Oklahoma State University A&M Board of Regents has selected Dr. Kayse Shrum as the 19th president of Oklahoma State University. The announcement follows an extensive national search involving an inclusive process composed of representatives from across the OSU system, including faculty, students, staff and alumni.

The current president of the OSU Center for Health Sciences in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dr. Shrum will be recommended for approval as the next president of OSU at the regularly scheduled Board of Regents meeting in Stillwater on April 23.

"The OSU/A&M Board of Regents recognized from the start of this process the importance of conducting a thorough search to make sure we selected the most qualified candidate to lead OSU and the system into the future following the successful Burns Hargis presidency," commented Rick Davis, chair of the Regents. "I appreciate the deliberative approach taken by our Regents, and we are grateful to Regent Joe Hall, who impressively led the process over the past five months."

Davis continued, "Dr. Shrum is well known and respected by the Regents and our university community. Her leadership has transformed our medical school in Tulsa, and her efforts have taken us to new heights we could only imagine a few years ago. The establishment of the National Center for Wellness and Recovery is one of several milestone achievements. The center, which has brought national acclaim to OSU, has become the national focal point for breakthrough research to address the opioid crisis.

What is most impressive to me for all the notable achievements is her commitment to students and their success. Students matter to her. Dr. Shrum is an effective leader, innovative thinker and her collaborative style, in addition to her great love for OSU, means the momentum we have achieved with President Hargis will continue unabated. I am excited about the future of OSU, the system and the state of Oklahoma."

As the first woman to lead Oklahoma State University, Dr. Shrum has overcome barriers throughout her professional career. She has served as president of OSU's Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS) since 2013, and her selection at the time made her the youngest and first female president and dean of a medical school in the state of Oklahoma. Dr. Shrum trained and served rural Oklahoma as a pediatrician before beginning her academic work at OSU-CHS after current OSU President Burns Hargis appointed her to lead the medical school.

According to Regent and Selection Committee Chair Joe Hall, Dr. Shrum was chosen from a national pool of highly qualified

candidates in large part because she brings a remarkable track record of professional success leading OSU's medical school.

"I have watched Dr. Shrum transform our medical school in Tulsa, and I am convinced that success will translate to OSU and our system," Hall said. She understands and appreciates our distinctive land-grant mission of service to the advancement and betterment of our state. As a proud product of Coweta, Oklahoma, Dr. Shrum has a firsthand perspective of our state's challenges and the role OSU can play in meeting those challenges. Based on what she has achieved thus far, Dr. Shrum will promote student success, academic programs, productive research and an inclusive and diverse community built on mutual respect. As president of OSU, she will be a great leader for our university and state."

"I am humbled and honored by this announcement," said Dr. Shrum. "I am also thrilled because outside of my dear family, OSU has a special place in my heart. Leading the OSU Center for Health Sciences and helping students, faculty and staff come together to create something truly impactful to our state has been immensely rewarding for me. To lead our vibrant university and the system, which is so vital to our state on many levels, will be the greatest challenge and honor of my professional career. I am looking forward to this opportunity with high anticipation.

"I want to thank Chair Davis, Regent Hall and our entire Board of Regents. I do not take the trust you have imparted to me lightly. I look forward to working with our board, faculty, students and staff on our shared vision of excellence and success. Let me also thank President Hargis, who had the confidence to appoint me to lead the medical school. I am forever grateful for our friendship and your mentorship."

Under Dr. Shrum's leadership, OSU Center for Health Sciences has experienced unprecedented growth. Student enrollment doubled as the center established new academic programs designed to meet the health care workforce needs of Oklahoma. She also led the construction of the A.R. and Marylouise Tandy Medical Academic Building. This state-of-the-art learning facility houses Oklahoma's largest and most technologically advanced hospital simulation center.

Her fundraising accomplishments also include securing a landmark investment in 2019 from Purdue Pharma for \$197.5 million to create the National Center for Wellness and Recovery for addiction treatment and research to address the national opioid addiction epidemic. A strong supporter of collaborative partnerships, Shrum worked with Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Bill John Baker and his administration to establish the nation's first tribally affiliated medical school, the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine at the Cherokee Nation, which opened fall 2020.



*Shrum makes history as the first woman to lead a public research institution in the state of Oklahoma*

In March 2019, Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt appointed Dr. Shrum to his cabinet as Oklahoma's first Secretary of Science and Innovation. In that role, she played a critical part in the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Her innovative leadership approach and medical expertise helped secure much-needed PPE supplies and led to the formation of Oklahoma's largest COVID diagnostics lab on OSU's Stillwater campus.

A native of Coweta, Oklahoma, Dr. Shrum is a fervent champion of rural health and primary care medicine and has made the creation of a sustainable, rural primary care physician pipeline a top priority. She launched innovative high school recruiting programs like Operation Orange and Blue Coat to White Coat, created the Rural Medical Track curriculum and expanded the

number of residency training programs in rural Oklahoma by securing support from the Oklahoma Legislature, Oklahoma Health Care Authority and Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust. Her long list of awards and accolades includes being named *The Journal Record's* Woman of the Year in 2019.

Dr. Shrum and her husband Darren still actively farm near Coweta. They have six adult children.

Dr. Shrum will officially take over the role of president at the beginning of OSU's next fiscal year beginning July 1.

The Tulsa County Medical Society and TCMS Foundation congratulates Dr. Shrum on her selection as President of OSU.

## THANK YOU 'DOCTOR OF THE DAY' PARTICIPANTS



TCMS recognizes and appreciates those physicians, residents, and students who participated in 'Doctor of the Day' at the State Capitol. ***Thank you!***

- Tina Bui, MD
- Athena Chatzigiannidis, DO
- Chris Emerson, MD
- Mohammed Eslam, MD
- Karen Gold, MD
- Brad Garber, MD
- Sharon Smallwood, MD
- Jack Test, MD
- Mackenzie Moody, MSI
- Crystal Goree, MSIV
- Laura Warning, MSI
- Zach Windorf, MD

## STUDENT-RESIDENT COUNCIL RECOGNIZES GRADUATING MEMBERS

Tulsa County Medical Society Student-Resident Council recently recognized three graduating medical students for their involvement and leadership in the organization.

- Craig Beavers, DO
- Crystal Goree, DO
- Kaitlyn Norton, MD

**Thank you to these outstanding young physicians for their support of medical students and residents!**



*The TCMS Student-Resident Council is a group of medical students and residents at the OU-TU School of Community Medicine and the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. Our core purpose is to promote the welfare of medical students, residents, and the community.*

## MEET YOUR NEW OSMA PRESIDENT MARY CLARKE, MD

TCMS welcomes Mary Clarke, MD as the new OSMA President for 2021-2022.

Dr. Clarke received her medical degree from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine. She did an internship at the University of Oklahoma Department of Family Medicine and completed her residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin. With a special interest in preventative care and osteoporosis, Dr. Clarke feels that practicing medicine is the best job in the world.



“The past year has shown that OSMA is a force for positive change in medicine at the Capitol and throughout our state. Our membership stands together as one voice to improve the health of all Oklahomans. To all of our members - past, present, and future - I would like to thank you for everything you do to improve patients' lives through your participation in the association. We know that each of you make a conscious decision to spend your time and money supporting the work of OSMA while working to care for Oklahoma's most valued resource, its people.”

- From the OSMA Journal March/April 2021



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## **Faculty Physicians Department of Internal Medicine The University of Oklahoma**

The OU-TU School of Community Medicine, Department of Internal Medicine is seeking faculty physicians for our ambulatory practice in Tulsa. Our outpatient setting provides care coordination for a broad range of patients and was the first in the area to receive NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Tier Three recognition. We are recruiting candidates interested in a career in ambulatory Internal Medicine. Responsibilities include clinical care, as well as supervising and teaching residents and medical students. We provide faculty development programs for all faculty members to learn and improve teaching skills.

Applicants must hold an MD or DO degree, be Board Certified in Internal Medicine, and be eligible for Oklahoma licensure.

You can read more about the School of Community Medicine at:

**[http://www.ou.edu/content/tulsa/community\\_medicine.html](http://www.ou.edu/content/tulsa/community_medicine.html)**

Interested applicants should send their CV to:

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