

# An Act

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 953

By: Smalley of the Senate

and

Lawson and McEntire of the  
House

An Act relating to the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account; amending 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-9-104, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 256, O.S.L. 2017 (10A O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1-9-104), which relates to allocation of monies in Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account; modifying disbursement procedures for certain funds; requiring monthly documentation of expenses and activity data; permitting disbursement at beginning of calendar year; providing for reversion of certain unused funds; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 10A O.S. 2011, Section 1-9-104, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 256, O.S.L. 2017 (10A O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 1-9-104), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1-9-104. A. The Department of Human Services shall allocate monies available in the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account (CAMA) to:

1. The Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Account (CAMTA) Fund created by Section 1-9-103a of this title. Monies made available to

the CAMTA shall be used for the purposes of funding one functioning freestanding multidisciplinary child abuse team in each county of this state, utilizing the funding distributions as provided in subsection B of this section;

2. One hospital team pursuant to subsection E of Section 1-9-102 of this title; and

3. One child advocacy center, accredited by the National Children's Alliance, per district attorney's district. A child advocacy center shall:

- a. be eligible for Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account (CAMA) funding upon accreditation by the National Children's Alliance,
- b. secure a third-year interim review to determine whether the child advocacy center continues to meet the National Children's Alliance standards in effect at the time of its last accreditation. If a child advocacy center fails the third-year review, the center shall remain eligible for CAMA funding, but shall have another review conducted in the fourth year. If the child advocacy center fails the fourth-year review, the center shall be ineligible to receive CAMA funding until such time as the center receives reaccreditation from the National Children's Alliance, and
- c. remain the center for the district attorney's district as long as the center is accredited and eligibility is maintained pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-9-102 of this title. If a center does not remain eligible pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-9-102 of this title, endorsement by the district attorney as the child advocacy center for the district may be sought by any entity beginning with the calendar year after the center is determined to be ineligible. The two centers in district number (4) and district number (13) that were accredited as of ~~the effective date of this act~~ May 17, 2005, shall continue to receive funding at the nonurban level. Should one of the

exempted centers close or no longer meet the criteria for a child advocacy center pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-9-102 of this title, the center shall not be allowed to reopen in that district or to receive CAMA funds. The remaining center shall become the sole child advocacy center for the district attorney's district.

B. Funding distribution pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be determined:

1. By multiplying the number of applicants in each category by the corresponding weight as follows:

- a. freestanding multidisciplinary child abuse team - 1,
- b. hospital team - 1,
- c. nonurban centers - 4,
- d. mid-level nonurban centers - 6, and
- e. urban centers - 24;

2. Adding together the weighted results for all categories;

3. Dividing the weighted result for each category by the sum of the weighted results for all categories; and

4. Equally distributing funding to each applicant in the corresponding category based on the amounts obtained by multiplying the total available funding by the calculated percentages. The total amount for all freestanding multidisciplinary teams as determined by the formula provided in this subsection shall be transferred to the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team Account (CAMTA) Fund established by Section 1-9-103a of this title and contracts with each freestanding multidisciplinary team shall be completed no later than January 1 of each year.

During state fiscal year 2019, the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth may disburse to each freestanding multidisciplinary team the remaining contracted amount of the freestanding

multidisciplinary team award. The freestanding multidisciplinary team shall provide the Commission with monthly documentation of expenses as well as activity data and continue providing such documentation thereafter. Beginning January 1, 2020, and each year thereafter, the Commission may disburse the contracted amount at the beginning of the calendar year to freestanding multidisciplinary teams that are functioning effectively as determined by the Commission pursuant to Section 1-9-102 of this title.

C. By January 31, 2003, and by January 31 of each year thereafter, the Department shall disburse monies from the Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account to eligible child advocacy centers. A child advocacy center shall be in compliance with the provisions of Section 1-9-102 of this title to be eligible for Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Account funding. The disbursement shall be a single, annual disbursement, for the collection period of the preceding year beginning October 1 through September 30.

D. A report issued by the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth to the Oklahoma Legislature outlining performance measures for all multidisciplinary teams, including those associated with child advocacy centers, and recommendations on the funding formula provided for in this section shall be transmitted to the Oklahoma Legislature no later than December 31, 2017. The Department, the Commission, and the Children's Advocacy Centers of Oklahoma, Inc., shall meet annually to review and certify the amount of CAMA and CAMTA funds to be disbursed.

E. A ~~team or~~ child advocacy center may carry over funding for a period of one (1) year after allocation, such one-year period to begin in January and end in December of the same year; provided, however, funds not used within twenty-four (24) months of the original allocation will be deducted from the contract amount for the next contract year. If a ~~team or~~ center is ineligible for funding in an upcoming year, unused funds from the current or previous years shall be returned to the CAMA ~~or CAMTA Funds~~ Fund for use in subsequent years. Funds not used by a freestanding team by the end of the contract period shall revert to, and be deposited in, the CAMA Fund.

F. The Commission is hereby authorized to receive five percent (5.0%) in administrative costs from the CAMTA Fund. The Department

of Human Services is hereby authorized to receive one-half of one percent (0.5%) in administrative costs from the CAMA fund.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 9th day of May, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of April, 2019.

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