



A publication during legislative session to keep you engaged

MISSION

The Oklahoma Psychological Association's mission is to promote human welfare in Oklahoma by advancing psychology as a science and profession.



**ADVOCACY
NEWS**

State Advocacy

This year's legislative session ended Friday, May 26th, just before Memorial Day. OPA's lobby team worked up until the last minute on relationship building and final Health Information Exchange updates. Thanks to Dr. Martin, Beach and Rogers for their tireless effort on these issues with special thanks to the OPA lobby team of Susan Paddock and Kurt McKean!

Here is what we know:

- SB 32x was passed to provide \$30 million for funding grants to providers for one-time connection costs associated with Health Information Exchange (HIE) implementation. This bill was sent to the Governor.
- SJR 22 was passed instead of HJR 1045 which were the bills to address the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Rules that the OK Health Care Authority (OHCA) approved in late April. The House version (HJR 1045) would have disapproved of HIE rules, yet the Senate version (SJR 22) did not. SJR 22 was approved and has gone to the Governor. All rules which are not disapproved are considered to be approved as of Sine Die (end of legislative session). We anticipate the Governor to accept SJR 22 thus implementing HIE rules which must be promulgated in order for the HIE law to go into effect. Remember, the effective date is July 1, 2023.

Next year, OPA will continue to utilize our white papers and press forward with:

- [HB 1345](#) by Banning (Licensure Reciprocity request bill from OSBEP) and [HB 2163](#) by Roe (Post Doc billing commercial insurance bill) both passed the House and will start in the Senate next year. [Click here](#) to view the current HB 1345 whitepaper and [Click here](#) for HB 2163 white paper.



Healthy Minds Policy Initiative had great success with their mental health bills and we are thankful they asked for insight and the support of OPA. Here is their recent updates and news: <https://www.healthymindspolicy.org/news>

Thanks to all of you who served as Psychologist of the Day in 2023. If you are interested in reserving your spot for 2024, contact Danna Fowble today! [SIGN UP TODAY!](#) Pick a Monday from the second week in February until the end of May.

DONATE TO THE PAC

OPA announced an ongoing giving opportunity to our PAC's. We feel confident we need a war chest to fight battles including Health Information Exchange, etc.

For more information visit: [OPA's Website for PAC's](#)

Contact okpsychassociation@gmail.com if you have questions.

Announcements and Events

In case you missed the new link to the Health Information Exchange exemption form, we have provided it here for your ease in locating it. We have NOT received any other links so if you have newer information, please let us know.

Front Page of OK SHINE: <http://okshine.oklahoma.gov>

Direct link is <https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/exemption>



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This is a weekly publication to try our best to keep you informed and engaged. If you have information that you think might be of interest and wish something to be included, contact OPA today. Thanks for being a valued member.

