

Cherokee Nation Code Annotated

Title 7: Buildings, Facilities and Land

Chapter 2: Cherokee Nation Claremore Outpatient and Emergency Health Center Act of 2025, as Amended

§ 203. Substantive Provisions

Cite as: 7 CNCA § 203

A. Conditional Authority: All authority granted by the Council herein is dependent on the Cherokee Nation, by the Principal Chief, reaching such agreements necessary for the assumption of ownership and control of the Claremore Service Unit, including such funding agreements with Indian Health Service supportive of operating the Cherokee Nation Claremore Outpatient and Emergency Health Center.

B. Funding Sources: The funding sources include dividends received from those for-profit corporations in which Cherokee Nation is the sole or majority shareholder, and that are incorporated under Cherokee Nation law and grants, donations, miscellaneous sources and contributions, revenues of enterprises, taxes, and special and general fund sources.

C. Authorized funds: Beginning in fiscal year 2025 immediately, upon enactment of this Act, through the end of fiscal year 2028, the Council authorizes \$400,000,000 for the following authorized purposes:

a. Construction of Cherokee Nation Claremore Outpatient and Emergency Health Center, consisting of a fully equipped facility or facilities for the provision of health and wellness services, inclusive of property acquisition and compliance with the Cherokee Art and Facilities Act of 2006 (Legislative Act 01-07).

b. Minimal capital repairs and improvements to the Claremore Service Unit sufficient to maintain the delivery of health and wellness services during the pendency of the construction of the Cherokee Nation Claremore Outpatient and Emergency Health Center, as determined by the Principal Chief.

D. Location of Facility, Authorization to Place Land in Trust: The Principal Chief may determine the location of the facility, provided it is:

a. Located within the city limits of the City of Claremore, Oklahoma.

b. Located on land owned in fee simple title or held in trust for the Cherokee Nation by the United States,

c. Understood that this authority includes authorization by the Council of the Principal Chief to apply to place the land into said trust status at his or her discretion.

E. Council Notice and Consultation; Annual Report

a. No less than 45 days before commencement of construction of the facility or facilities the Principal Chief shall provide the Council with notice of the design of the facility or facilities described in Section 4, including any substantial design alterations for a 30-day comment period ending prior to the commencement of said construction.

b. The Principal Chief shall provide an annual report to the Council on the status of authorized funding uses and activities under this act, styled as "Cherokee Nation Claremore Outpatient and Emergency Health Center Act Annual Report," for each of fiscal years 2026, 2027 and 2028, no later than December 31 for the preceding fiscal year reporting period, with said report made available for public review within 30 days after submission to the Council, with the additional in-patient expansion analysis included in a biennial basis as required by Section 6(F) of this Act.

F. Required Planning and Design of Future Hospital Addition; Required Biennial Analysis of Hospital Need and Feasibility

a. Land acquisition and design of the facility authorized in Section 6(D) of this Act shall accommodate, including the creation of a basic rendering, an expansion of the facility or facilities authorized herein for the purpose of a future in-patient unit.

b. Beginning with the annual report for the Fiscal Year 2026 reporting period, as required by Section 6(E) of this Act, on a biennial basis the report shall include an analysis of the need for and feasibility of the construction of an in-patient unit as an expansion of the facility or facilities authorized herein.

Historical Data

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