PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 447.205, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in methods and standards for setting payment rates for services in the SoonerCare program. The following method change will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on November 2, 2021, at 11:00 AM via teleconference.

OK SPA 22-0019, Eliminate Community Based Extended (CBE) Levels of Care, Effective date: September 1, 2022, contingent upon CMS approval.

The OHCA will seek CMS approval of a state plan amendment (SPA) to eliminate the community-based extended (CBE) residential level of care for private Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) with 17 beds or more. There is currently only one contracted CBE PRTF in the state; therefore, the facility will transition into a standard PRTF and receive the corresponding rate amount.

The estimated budget impact for the remainder of SFY 2022 will be an increase in the total amount of \$86,427; with \$27,665 in the state share.

Interested persons may visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notices to view a copy of the public notice(s) and visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes to view a copy of the proposed state plan amendment and a link to provide public comments on the proposal. Due to the current public health emergency and the associated social distancing guidelines, persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed state plan amendments may do so via mail by writing to: Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Federal Authorities Unit, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or by email at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Written comments or requests for copies of the proposed state plan amendments will be accepted by contacting OHCA as indicated. Comments submitted through the OHCA policy blog will be available for review online at oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes. Other written comments are available upon request at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Comments will be accepted from December 15, 2021 through January 15, 2022.