

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to C.F.R. § 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 reimbursement changes will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan. The proposed changes were presented at the ad-hoc Tribal Consultation meeting on June 8, 2022 at 11:00 AM via teleconference and will be presented at the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) on June 21, 2022, at 1:00 PM and the OHCA Board meeting on June 22, 2022, at 2:00 PM. The SPARC and Board meetings will be held at the OHCA offices located at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, OK 73105 in the OHCA Board Room.

Rate Increases for Outpatient Behavioral Health Agency Services; Effective July 1, 2022, contingent upon CMS approval

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) proposes to increase rates for select services that are currently reimbursed less through SoonerCare than through ODMHSAS state funds or that have not seen increases in recent years. Services receiving rate increases include: individual and family therapy, individual Assertive Community Treatment, individual and group community recovery support, group psychosocial rehabilitation/illness management and recovery, and screening and referral. Proposed rate increases range from 7.5% to 100% and a new rate for complex screening and referral is being proposed. The new proposed rate for complex screening and referral is \$75.00 per event.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2023 will be an increase in the total amount of \$12,335,499; with \$3,862,017 in the state share. The ODMHSAS is responsible for the state share amount.

Rate Increase for Residential Level of Care Substance Use Disorder Services; Effective July 1, 2022, contingent upon CMS approval

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) proposes to increase rates for residential level of care substance use disorder services. ODMHSAS proposes to increase the current reimbursement rates based on analysis of other states' rates for similar services; the increases align with proposed rates for these services when reimbursed through ODMHSAS state funds. Services include: halfway house services for adults and adolescents; residential treatment services for adults, adolescents, and adults with co-occurring disorders; intensive residential treatment services for adults and adolescents; and medically supervised withdrawal management services for adults and adolescents. Proposed rate increases range from 12.5% to 65%.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2023 will be an increase in the total amount of \$2,910,114; with \$291,039 in the state share. The ODMHSAS is responsible for the state share amount.

Rate Increase for Independently Contracted Psychologists; Effective July 1, 2022, contingent upon CMS approval

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) proposes to increase rates for independently-contracted psychologists. ODMHSAS proposes to

increase the current reimbursement rates that fall below 80% of the CY 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule to equal 80% of the CY 2021 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule rates. Services include: individual and family therapy, assessment, interpretation of results of evaluations, and interactive complexity add-on. Through this proposal, the State also seeks to clarify its current reimbursement policy within the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan for behavioral health licensure candidates. Payment will only be made for behavioral health licensure candidates practicing within an agency setting.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2023 will be an increase in the total amount of \$634,402; with \$190,574 in the state share. The ODMHSAS is responsible for the state share amount.

Interested persons may visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notice 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. 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 June 9, 2022, through June 24, 2022.