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RE: Added Coverage for Adults in a Psychiatric Hospital

Dear Provider,

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority, in collaboration with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, is pleased to announce coverage for adults in a psychiatric unit of a general hospital or psychiatric hospital setting.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved Oklahoma's 1115 Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) Waiver for Serious Mental Illness/Substance Use Disorder on Dec. 22, 2020. A prior authorization is required for adults with SoonerCare coverage who are admitted to an inpatient psychiatric unit of a general hospital or psychiatric hospital for psychiatric or chemical dependency detoxification/withdrawal management services. The new adult prior authorization request forms for inpatient psychiatric and inpatient detoxification/withdrawal management services are now available on the OHCA's behavioral health services [website](#).

Please note, the Oklahoma Administrative Code links listed below have been updated with the new policy changes. Please forward this letter to your administrative, billing, compliance, and utilization review departments.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2021:

Agency rules are amended at [OAC 317:30-5-95](#), [317:30-5-95.1](#), and [317:30-5-96.3](#) to add coverage of SoonerCare reimbursable inpatient psychiatric services or detoxification/withdrawal management services for members age 21 and above.

OHCA encourages you to review each rule change in its entirety. If you have any questions regarding these rule changes, please call the OHCA provider helpline at 800-522-0114.

Thank you for the services you provide to our SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,

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