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I/T/U Public Notice 2021-08

May 25, 2021

**RE: Oklahoma Health Care Authority Proposed State Plan Amendment and Rule Revision**

Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to provide notice of proposed state plan amendments (SPA) that will be submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as well as a complementary rule revision that will be voted on during the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) Board meeting on September 15, 2021. Please note that prior to implementation, state plan amendments must obtain federal approval by CMS. The Agency is committed to active communication with tribal governments during the decision-making and priority-setting process; comments regarding the proposal herein are welcome.

The following items requests an expedited 14-day tribal consultation comment period from May 25, 2021 through June 8, 2021. To review and/or to comment on the proposed changes, please visit the online comment system found on the OHCA's [Policy Change Blog](#) and/or the [Native American Consultation Page](#). Additionally, this item will be discussed at the upcoming ad-hoc face-to-face tribal consultation on June 8, 2021.

**Dental Services for Adults** – Senate bill 1046 (SB1046) mandates the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) expand current dental benefits offered to Medicaid adult members. The OHCA will add dental examinations, x-rays, dental cleanings, fluoride, dental fillings, scaling and root planing, as well as dentures and partial dentures as covered services for SoonerCare adult members. Adult SoonerCare members will have access to the aforementioned dental services effective July 1, 2021. Policy will delineate coverage as well as any applicable service limitation(s). Newly added dental services will be reimbursed pursuant to the current established reimbursement methodology within the State Plan.

**Adult Expansion Alternative Benefits Plan (ABP) Update** – The OHCA will revise the original content of the ABP to note that infusion therapy is a covered service. Additionally, the ABP will reflect the request to add the adult dental services noted within the summary above.



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**Care Coordination Rate for CCBHC Drug and Specialty Court Referrals -** ODMHSAS seeks to implement a care coordination rate for drug and specialty court referrals received by Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs). The rate is \$45.00 per encounter for at least 15 minutes of clinical staff time provided per calendar month to non-established clients. This rate was approved by CMS in the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan in 2019.

OHS is seeking to implement a retroactive provider rate increase pursuant to 1915(C) HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER INSTRUCTIONS AND TECHNICAL GUIDANCE APPENDIX K: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE. - This retroactive add-on payment will apply to all services in which face to face contact is essential for beneficiary health and safety for the time-period beginning October 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and will not exceed 20% of the provider's current rate. Additional periodic retroactive rate add-on payments may be made to waiver service providers throughout the duration of the Public Health Emergency Appendix K timeframe. The proposed rate increase seeks to temporarily provide additional compensation to providers who have experienced issues causing non-budgeted overtime costs, increased costs for personal protective equipment and a tightening labor market due to the national PHE. The services provided by these rates are available to recipients of the Medicaid In Home Supports Waiver for Children, In-Home Supports Waiver for Adults, Homeward Bound waiver, Community waiver, and ADvantage waiver.



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The OHCA posts all proposed changes on the Agency's [Policy Change Blog](#) and the [Native American Consultation Page](#). These public website pages are designed to give all constituents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and make comments regarding upcoming policy changes. To ensure that you stay informed of proposed policy changes, you may sign up for web alerts to be automatically notified when any new proposed policy changes are posted for comment.

The OHCA values consultation with tribal governments and will provide your representatives a reasonable amount of time to respond to this notification.

Sincerely,

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