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I/T/U Public Notice 2021-05

March 26, 2021

**RE: Oklahoma Health Care Authority Proposed COVID-19 Disaster Relief Request**

Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to give you notice of the proposed COVID-19 disaster relief policy follow-up requests that were submitted to CMS on March 26, 2021.

In response to the public health emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services invoked his authority to waive or modify certain requirements of titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to assist states in responding to the COVID-19 national emergency. CMS is allowing states to request flexibilities which revise policies related to eligibility, enrollment, benefits, premiums, cost sharing, and payments outlined in their Medicaid state plans as well as Section 1115 demonstrations. The flexibilities ensure sufficient health care items and services are available to meet the needs of Medicaid members and to ensure health care providers who furnish such services in good faith, but are unable to comply with one or more of such requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, may be reimbursed for services absent any determination of fraud or abuse.

OHCA requested the following COVID-19 related policy change through a disaster relief state plan amendment:

The Agency will allow a temporary supplemental payment for long-term care facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) to support increased costs due to COVID-19. The effective date for the supplemental payments will be retroactive to July 1, 2020 and will end on June 30, 2021. If the public health emergency is extended past June 30, 2021 supplemental payments will continue to be made to eligible facilities.

The OHCA values consultation with tribal governments and will strive to provide your representatives up-to-date information regarding the requests submitted to CMS.



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Additionally, this item will be discussed in the upcoming face-to-face tribal consultation on May 4, 2021.

Sincerely,

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