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I/T/U Public Notice 2021-17

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

Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of a proposed COVID-19 Disaster Relief request that was submitted to CMS for review and approval.

In response to the public health emergency (PHE) 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. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (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 with an effective date of August 30, 2021:

Effective August 30, 2021, all types of FDA-authorized COVID-19 self-collected tests and laboratory processing of self-collected test systems for the purposes of diagnosis or detection of COVID-19 and COVID-19 antibodies, will be covered as long as the self-collection of the test is intended to avoid transmission of COVID-19. Self-collected tests will be limited to two tests per week per member.

The OHCA will reimburse for self-collected COVID-19 tests using point-of-sale plus the professional dispensing fee for prescription drugs within the approved state plan at Attachment 4.19-B, Page 7.



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The OHCA values consultation with tribal governments and will strive to provide your representatives up-to-date information regarding the requests submitted to CMS. Additionally, this disaster relief request will be discussed at the upcoming tribal consultation meeting on January 4, 2022.

Sincerely,

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