



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

I/T/U Public Notice 2013-07

September 4, 2013

RE: Systems Simplification Implementation

Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to give you notice of proposed rule change that will be reviewed at the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) meeting held on September 11th, 2013. OHCA is committed to active communication with Tribal Governments during the OHCA decision-making and priority-setting process and therefore keeps you apprised of all proposed rule changes.

Enclosed is a summary of the current proposed rule change for your review. The summary describes the purpose of the rule change and the anticipated impact on those affected. To view the complete proposal for the September 11th MAC, you can visit www.okhca.org/macagenda.

Please note that this is only a proposed rule change and has not yet taken effect. Before implementation, new rule changes must obtain budget authorization, federal approval (if applicable), OHCA Board approval, and the governor's approval.

OHCA values consultation with Tribal Governments and looks forward to discussing the potential rule change. If you have any questions or comments about the proposed change, please do not hesitate to contact me at (405) 522-7303. Or, you may visit the tribal consultation webpage to send comments at <http://www.okhca.org/providers.aspx?id=12697>.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dana Miller".

Dana Miller
Tribal Relations Director

**September 2013 Medical Advisory Committee
Proposed Rule Change Summary**

13-08 Systems Simplification Implementation—Eligibility policy is amended to implement Systems Simplification Implementation effective October 1, 2013, instead of January 1, 2014. Rules are also revised to delay periodic renewals that would fall during the period January – March, 2014 until April, 2014, and to delay the effective date of terminations of SoonerCare eligibility for reasons related to changes in household composition or income until April, 2014 when the agency is redetermining eligibility based on changes in circumstances from January to March, 2014. These emergency rule revisions allow the State to correct regulatory complications created by federal rules; they implement a waiver of the federal requirement that the State use two sets of financial eligibility rules for pregnant women and families with children from October 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014, thereby avoiding serious prejudice to the public interest.