



SoonerCare Provider Reimbursement Notice

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Hospice Payment Change

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Hospice Providers

This is notification of upcoming payment changes for Hospice services provided to SoonerCare members.

Hospice Change in Accordance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Action

A recent CMS action prompted a change in the payment structure for SoonerCare members receiving hospice services. The Medicare hospice rule published on August 6, 2015 (CMS-1629-F) changes the payment structure for Routine Home Care to implement two rates that will result in a higher base payment for the first 60 days of hospice care and a reduced base payment rate for days thereafter. Also, the rule establishes an add-on payment for service provided by a registered nurse or social worker during the last seven days of a member's life.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) has been working on the system changes necessary to be compliant with the new rule and plans to implement those system changes on June 1, 2016.

If you have any questions or require additional information please phone Aaron Morris at (405) 522-7533 or email at Aaron.Morris@okhca.org.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's *SoonerCare* members.