



SoonerCare Provider Reimbursement Notice

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FQHC Claims for Behavioral Health Services

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FQHC Providers

It has recently come to our attention that there is a need for clarity regarding coverage and billing of behavioral health services provided in the FQHC setting. We have discovered some FQHCs are billing the all-inclusive encounter rate for services provided by licensed behavioral health professionals other than licensed clinical psychologists and licensed clinical social workers (those included in federal regulations at [42 CFR 405.2450](#)).

We are seeking guidance from HRSA / CMS regarding appropriate billing of these services.

Please be advised effective for services on and after July 1st claims determined to be inappropriate will be recouped.

If it is determined that these services cannot be billed at the all-inclusive encounter rate, OHCA will determine a process to allow these services to be paid in accordance with the federal guidelines.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact Kelly Botten in the Provider Reimbursement Unit by phone at (405) 522-7108 or by email at Kelly.Botten@okhca.org

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