# SoonerCare Choice Emergency Room Utilization

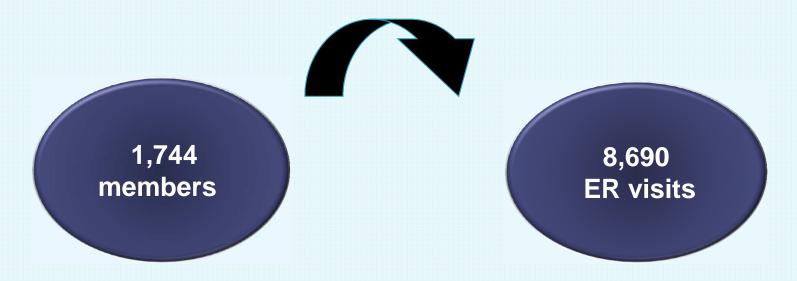
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# Purpose of Program

Educate on the appropriate use of primary care services in lieu of emergency room utilization



#### Average Quarter for Jan 2010 – Dec 2010 4 or more ER visits per quarter



- 1. Majority saw PCP at least once
- 2. 94% successfully contacted
- 3. 90% contacted by phone identified PCP
- 4. SFY 2010 average cost per visit was \$241.58

## **Member Interventions 2010**

Initial Letters
Stratified by
Number of ER
Visits

Educational Phone Calls

Face-to-Face Interviews for Highest Utilizers

# Changes in CY 2011

- New
  - 3 ER visits in a quarter receive informational letter
- Revised
  - 4–14 ER visits inbound calls from member
  - 15 or more in a quarter instead of 30 or more in a 9 month period
  - No face to face visits
  - Intensive phone intervention for high utilization members

Quick fact for 2011:

Average number of visits for Title XIX members that went to the ER during first 5 months of this year = 1.534 visits

## Member Identification

SoonerCare Choice members with 4 or more ER visits per calendar year quarter

High Utilization members – 15 or more ER visits

**PCP Claims** 

Office/specialty visits

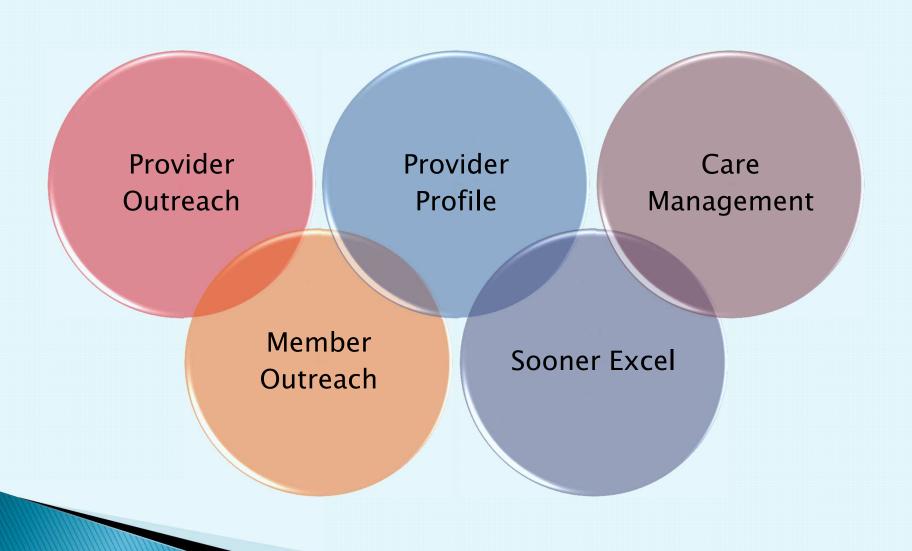
**Pharmacy Claims** 

**Ambulance Claims** 

#### **PCP Interventions**

Letter to each Identified Member Informational Phone Call Coordination Resources

## **ER Utilization Initiative**



# Health Access Network (HAN)

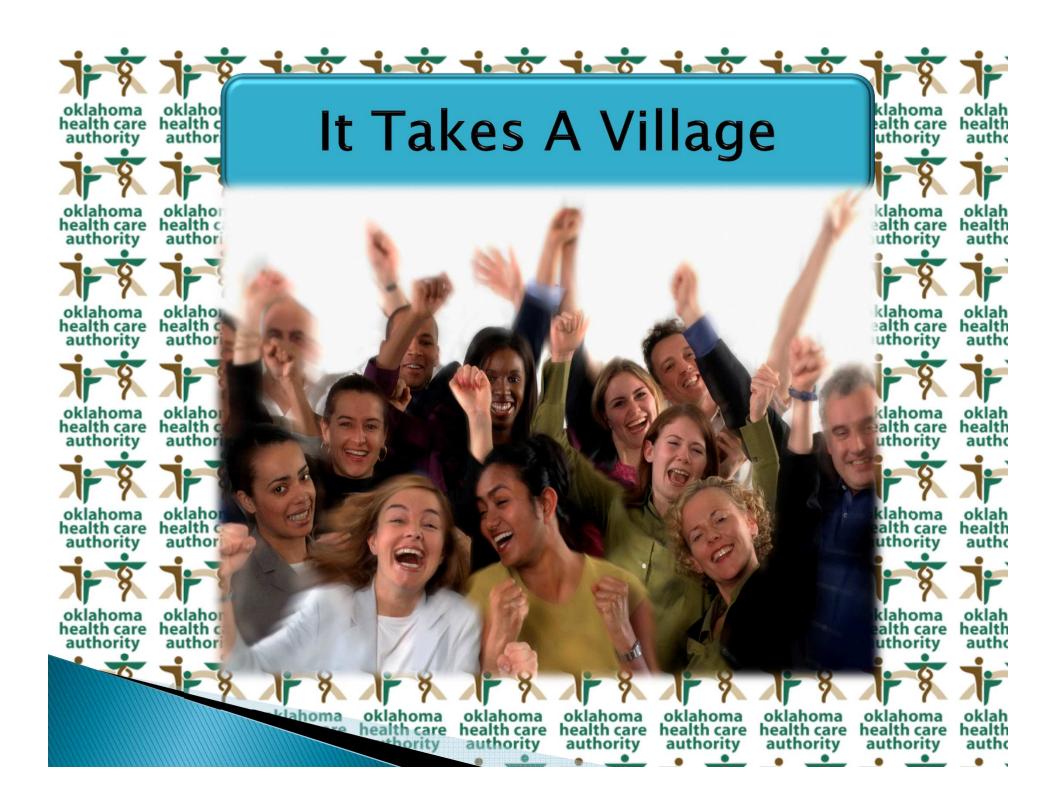
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