PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in methods and standards for setting payment rates for services in the SoonerCare program. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is revising the rate for state plan skilled nursing. The proposed changes will be presented in two public meetings: the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) on September 10, 2018, at 1:00 PM. and the OHCA Board meeting on September 13, 2018, at 1:00 PM. Both meetings will be held at the OHCA offices located at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, OK 73105 in the OHCA Board Room.

State Plan Skilled Nursing Rate Increase, Effective: September 13, 2018

Oklahoma Department of Human Services proposes an increase to the rate paid for State Plan skilled nursing services for recipients on the State Plan Personal Care Program. The rate structure for this service is a fixed and uniform rate. This proposal will increase the rate from the current amount of \$54.00 per skilled nursing visit to \$60.00 per skilled nursing visit. The estimated annual SFY 2019 will be an increase in the total amount of \$60,000; with \$23,142 state share which is paid by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS).

Persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed changes may do so at the following address: Sandra Puebla, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105, or by email at Sandra.Puebla@okhca.org. Copies of the proposed changes are available for public review at the OHCA by contacting Sandra Puebla by telephone 405-522-7270 or at the email address above. She will link callers with local agencies in each county where copies of the proposed changes are available for public review. Written and oral comments will be accepted during regular business hours by contacting Mrs. Puebla as indicated. Comments submitted will be available for review by the public Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at OHCA located at the above address. The proposed changes may also be viewed and receive written comments on the agency's website at www.okhca.org.