

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 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 following rate changes will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan. Additionally, due to the proposed rate increases to long-term care facilities, the Miller Trust eligibility amount effective July 1, 2020, will increase from \$5,420 to \$5,462 per month. The proposed changes were/will be presented at three public meetings: the tribal consultation meeting on May 5, 2020 at 11:00 AM via teleconference; the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) hearing on June 9, 2020 at 2:00 PM; and the OHCA Board meeting on June 30, 2020, at 1:00 PM.

Nursing Facility Rate Increases and Quality Metric Update, Effective date: July 1, 2020, contingent upon CMS approval.

Regular Nursing Facilities & Pay-for-Performance Program

The OHCA will seek approval of a State Plan amendment to increase rates and recalculate the quality of care (QOC) fee for regular nursing facilities. Further, to comply with the Home Health final rule, a one-time adjustment will be made to the base rate to account for procurement of durable medical equipment, supplies, and appliances, including oxygen from the open market. For the rate period beginning July 1, 2020, the base rate component will be \$121.30 per patient day. Further revisions will enable the agency to update Pay-for-Performance (PFP) quality measures as the metrics are modified by Medicare. The estimated budget impact for SFY2021 will be an increase in the total amount of \$4,202,303; with \$1,365,748 in state share from QOC fees paid by providers.

Nursing Facilities Serving Patients with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

The OHCA is proposing revisions to increase rates and recalculate the QOC fee for nursing facilities serving residents with AIDS. Further, to comply with the Home Health final rule, a one-time adjustment will be made to the base rate to account for procurement of durable medical equipment, supplies, and appliances, including oxygen from the open market. For the rate period beginning July 1, 2020, the base rate component will be \$215.00 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY2021 will be an increase in the total amount of \$10,774; with \$3,501 in state share, paid by the facilities.

Regular Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)

The OHCA is proposing revisions to increase rates and recalculate the QOC fee for regular ICF/IIDs. Further, to comply with the Home Health final rule, a one-time adjustment will be made to the base rate to account for procurement of durable medical equipment, supplies, and appliances, including oxygen from the open market. For the rate period beginning July 1, 2020, the base rate component will be \$128.72 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY2021 will be an increase in the total amount of \$39,381; with \$12,799 in state share from the increased QOC fee, paid by providers.

Acute Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)

The OHCA is proposing revisions to increase rates for Acute ICF/IIDs to comply with the Home Health final rule, a one-time adjustment will be made to the base rate to account for procurement of durable medical equipment, supplies, and appliances, including oxygen from the open market. For the rate period beginning July 1, 2020, the base rate component will be \$163.94 per patient day. There is no budget impact as this change will be funded using existing funds.

Interested persons may visit www.okhca.org/PolicyBlog to view a copy of the proposed state plan amendment, public notice(s), location and times of public hearings, and a link to provide public comments on the proposal. Due to the current public health emergency and the associated social distancing guidelines, persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed state plan amendment may do so via mail by writing to: Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Federal Authorities Unit, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or by email at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Written comments or requests for copies of the proposed state plan amendment will be accepted by contacting OHCA as indicated. Comments submitted through the OHCA policy blog will be available for review online at www.okhca.org/PolicyBlog. Other written comments are available upon request at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Comments will be accepted June 15 through July 15, 2020.