

Public Notice

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 431.408 and 42 CFR § 447.205, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is providing public notice of its plan to submit an amendment to the 1115(a) demonstration waiver. The OHCA currently has an approved 1115(a) waiver for the 2018-2023 demonstration period.

With this amendment request, the OHCA seeks approval of the following modifications to the demonstration for the 2018-2023 extension period:

Effective July 1, 2019, the waiver special terms and conditions will be updated for the Health Management Program (HMP), contingent upon CMS approval. The HMP was developed in response to a state mandate found at Oklahoma Statute §56-1011.6., and seeks to improve the quality of care and reduce cost of care for SoonerCare members with chronic conditions.

The “Health Management Program Defined” section will provide for more options for data analytics than the current reference to HMP predictive modeling software. These are data sources that include but are not limited to claims, Health Information Exchange Information, provider referral and other sources.

In addition, the HMP “Services” section will be revised to focus more broadly on interventions used in HMP and remove limitations that refer to settings, and to allow for new approaches in practice facilitation to address emerging health trends.

The OHCA also proposes to add a sentence to the description regarding the length of time a member may be served in HMP, as follows: Maximum benefit is determined individually for each member served, and considers diagnoses, goals and progress achieved.

The revised approach to the “Services” section will ask CMS to list HMP interventions along with brief descriptions and note that interventions include but are not limited to health coaching, practice facilitation, health navigation, performance improvement projects and assistance with transitions of care.

It is the intention of the OHCA to include the funding for HMP in its State Fiscal Year 2020 budget request. An HMP vendor is selected through a professional services contract procurement process that is open to the public and is implemented in accordance with state and federal purchasing requirements. The current budget request is not to exceed \$15 million total dollars with an estimated state share of \$5,220,000 for State Fiscal Year 2020.

The proposed amendment will be presented at the next scheduled Medical Advisory Committee and the Oklahoma Child Health Group pursuant to the below:

Medical Advisory Committee
September 20, 2018
1:00 p.m.
Ed McFall Boardroom
Oklahoma Health Care Authority
4345 N. Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Oklahoma Child Health Group
October 9, 2018
5:00 p.m.
Oklahoma State Department of Health
1000 NE 10th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The OHCA welcomes comments from the public regarding the amendment to the SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma 1115(a) Demonstration Waiver program. The amendment to the waiver will be posted online at www.okhca.org from October 1, 2018, through October 30, 2018.

Comments and questions may be submitted online through the Policy Change Blog or the Native American Consultation Page and by contacting the OHCA Federal & State Reporting Division by telephone at 405-522-7914 or by written comment at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Comments may also be made at www.medicaid.gov after the amendment has been submitted to CMS on or after January 7, 2019.