

## 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. The proposed amendment will be presented in two public meetings: the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) on March 14, 2019, at 1:00 p.m., in the Ed McFall Board Room within the OHCA offices located at 4345 N Lincoln Blvd, OKC, OK 73105. The second public meeting will be held at The Children's Health Group (TCHG) Quarterly Meeting on April 9, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., in the OU Health Sciences Center Campus, Provost's Conference Room, #233 Bird Library, 1105 N Stonewall Ave. OKC, OK 73117.

### **Health Access Networks (HAN) 1115(a) demonstration waiver amendment, Effective: October 1, 2019**

With this amendment request, the OHCA seeks approval of the following modifications to the 1115(a) demonstration for the current extension period that will be in effect through December 31, 2023:

Effective October 1, 2019, the waiver Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) will be updated for the Health Access Networks (HANs), contingent upon CMS approval. HANs are non-profit administrative entities that work with providers to coordinate and improve the quality of care for SoonerCare members.

The OHCA proposes to remove three paragraphs that are either duplicative or no longer applicable to HAN duties from STC 40. The paragraphs identified for removal are in relation to 1) ensuring access to all levels of care, 2) submitting a development plan, and 3) offering core components of electronic medical records, improved access to specialty care, telemedicine, and expanded quality improvement strategies.

OHCA proposes to continue the currently approved monitoring and evaluation components identified in the STCs. The hypotheses and measures provided in the current evaluation design remain applicable with the following corrections to STC 84, Evaluation of the HANs.

One correction will be to remove the word "pilot" from the reference to the program in the first paragraph. In addition, the subsequent paragraphs will be revised to reflect the evaluation design that the state has submitted to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) including the following:

- a. Impact on costs: The implementation and expansion of the HANs will reduce costs associated with the provision of health care services to SoonerCare beneficiaries served by the HANs;
- b. Impact on access to care: The implementation and expansion of the HANs will improve access to and the availability of health care services to SoonerCare beneficiaries served by the HANs;
- c. Impact on quality and coordination: The implementation and expansion of the HANs will improve the quality and coordination of health care services to SoonerCare beneficiaries served by the HANs, with specific focus on the populations at greatest risk, including those with multiple chronic illnesses; and
- d. Impact on the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) program: The implementation and expansion of the HANs will enhance the State's PCMH program through an evaluation of primary care physician (PCP) profiles that incorporates a review of utilization, disease guideline compliance, and cost.

Amending the language will not have any effect on budget neutrality for the 1115(a) demonstration waiver.

The OHCA welcomes comments from the public regarding the amendment to the SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma 1115(a) Demonstration waiver program. Persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed amendment may do so at the following address: Federal & State Authorities Unit,

Oklahoma Health Care Authority, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105, or by email request at [federal.authorities@okhca.org](mailto:federal.authorities@okhca.org). Persons wishing to be linked with local agencies to obtain copies of the proposed amendment can make such request by contacting the email above. Written and oral comments will also be accepted during regular business hours by contacting the OHCA 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 or online at [www.okhca.org/proposedchanges](http://www.okhca.org/proposedchanges). The proposed amendment may also be viewed and receive written comments on the agency's website at [www.okhca.org/proposedchanges](http://www.okhca.org/proposedchanges); the amendment to the waiver will be posted online from March 11, 2019 through April 10, 2019.

Comments may also be made at [www.medicaid.gov](http://www.medicaid.gov) after the amendment has been submitted to CMS no later than June 3, 2019.