

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.

Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) Inpatient Psychiatric Services (Under 21) Add-on Specialty Payment, Effective date: September 1, 2019, contingent upon CMS approval.

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service (ODMHSAS) proposes to revise the payment methodology in Acute Level 2 settings of private psychiatric hospitals and general hospitals with psychiatric units and in psychiatric residential treatment facilities (PRTFs), to allow an additional patient-specific specialty add-on per diem rate of \$210 for children with specialized treatment needs. The specialty-add on will help offset the increased cost of serving children with specialized treatment needs as the State has seen a recent increase in children requiring treatment out-of-state and this proposal will incentivize the development of in-state specialty programs or units that are high quality and outcome-based. The total estimated budget impact for state fiscal year (SFY) 2020 will be \$4,310,344; \$1,500,000 in state share. The total estimated budget impact for SFY21 will be \$5,747,126; \$2,000,000 in state share.

Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) Intensive Treatment Family Care (ITFC), Effective date: September 1, 2019 or upon CMS and Governor's approval.

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) seeks to establish a new provider specialty and rate for the Qualified Behavioral Health Aide II (QBHA II)/Treatment Parent Specialist (TPS) who provides services to children in Intensive Treatment Family Care (ITFC). The QBHA II/TPS serves as an integral member of the ITFC team who completes a higher level of required trainings (initial and ongoing), is required to have no outside employment in order to provide full attention to the child placed in their care, have a maximum of one child placed in their home at a time, and completes a heightened screening and interview process. The proposed rate will be higher for the QBHA II/TPS providing services to children in ITFC as this provider's qualifications and occupational requirements are more demanding than the traditional TPS within TFC; additionally, children served in ITFC often present with more complex behavioral health needs that require more frequent intervention by the QBHA II/TPS.

The Oklahoma DHS' proposed rate for the QBHA II/TPS in ITFC is \$21.43 per 15 minute unit with a 6 unit per day maximum. The estimated annual total cost for a SFY20 of \$1,731,183; \$594,557 in state share and an SFY21 total cost of \$2,324,813 \$768,816 in state share. The state share will be paid by DHS with the current TFC budget.

Persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed changes may do so at the following address: Federal Authorities Unit, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105, or by email at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Copies of the proposed changes are available for public review at the OHCA by contacting the email above. Written and oral comments will 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 okhca.org/PolicyBlog. The proposed changes may also be viewed and receive written comments on the agency's website at okhca.org/PolicyBlog.