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 state plan amendment was presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on July 2, 2019 at 11:00 AM at the OHCA offices located at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, OK 73105 in the OHCA Board Room.

Disproportionate Share Hospitals (DSH), Effective date: October 1, 2019, contingent upon CMS approval.

Proposed revisions to the Oklahoma Medicaid state plan are pursuant to Senate Bill (SB) 1044 to revise the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program payment methodology for applicable hospitals, as per the currently approved Oklahoma State Plan, in order to distribute additional dollars to qualifying small rural hospitals. These changes will be implemented if supplemental appropriations are received in SFY2020. The estimated budget impact for the remainder of SFY2020 will be an increase in the total amount of $16,258,397; with $5,524,603 in state share. The estimated budget impact for SFY2021 will be an increase in the total amount of $21,677,863; with $7,130,666 in state share.

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 contact 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 www.ohca.org/PolicyBlog. The proposed changes may also be viewed and receive written comments on the agency’s website at www.okhca.org/PolicyBlog.