

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 431.408 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations and the currently approved 1115(a) waiver Standard Terms and Conditions (STCs), the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to provide public notice of its intent to submit a phase-out plan and/or amendment to the 1115(a) demonstration waiver to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). OHCA currently has an approved 1115(a) waiver for the 2018-2023 demonstration period.

Insure Oklahoma (IO) Program Phase-out: December 31, 2020, contingent upon CMS approval

With this request, OHCA seeks CMS approval for the phase-out of the Insure Oklahoma (IO) program within the 1115(a) demonstration Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) of the current demonstration that is in effect until December 31, 2023.

On May 1, 2020, Oklahoma submitted an 1115(a) amendment seeking to align the 1115(a) demonstration populations with the state plan to include the new adult eligibility group with an effective date of no later than July 1, 2020 to:

- Improve access to high-quality, person-centered services that produce positive health outcomes for individuals who were previously under or uninsured.
- Encourage members to increase utilization of preventive, primary, urgent, and specialty care — accessing the appropriate type of care in the appropriate setting.
- Decrease reliance on emergency departments for services that would be better provided in lower levels of care settings.
- Through the use of Health Access Networks (HANs) and the Health Management Program (HMP), OHCA will help newly eligible members become more informed about their health condition and health care options, understand appropriate use of the ED, and learn best practices in self-management such that they are empowered to make better informed decisions about their care.
- Reduce the number of uninsured Oklahomans.

IO enrollees ages 19-64 with incomes at or below 133% of the federal poverty level (FPL) will transition to the adult Medicaid expansion population within the 1115(a) SoonerCare Choice demonstration or the Oklahoma State Plan, as applicable. IO enrollees ages 19-64 with incomes above 133% of FPL will be encouraged to purchase health insurance in the federal marketplace or maintain coverage with their current employer.

The IO program represents an expansion under the current demonstration and therefore its phase-out will have no impact on the budget neutrality limit.

Due to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID-19 social distancing recommendations, public hearings will be virtual only. As of today, OHCA will be holding virtual public hearings on this proposal as follows:

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

June 8, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Register for Zoom session:

https://okhca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6KeQjdf1QGeiXGkJySIMBw

Interested persons may visit www.okhca.org/PolicyBlog to view a copy of the proposed request, public notice(s), location and times of the public hearing, a link to provide public comments on the proposal, supplemental information, and updates. 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 waiver 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 waiver 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 May 15-June 14, 2020.