

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 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.

Reversal of Three Percent Cut for Certain OHCA Provider/Services

The OHCA proposes a reversal of the three percent provider rate reduction that was implemented on January 1, 2016 for the following services and/or programs: Emergency Transportation, Private Duty Nursing (PDN), the Medically Fragile Waiver, the Living Choice Program, and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). OHCA is proposing to reverse the above reduced rates to select programs and provider types that the agency has identified serve our most vulnerable populations and provide access to critical programs. While the agency is unable to reverse the three percent provider rate reduction to all programs and provider types at this time, adequate and sufficient provider rates continues to be a priority of our agency. The proposed changes will be effective on or after September 1, 2016 pursuant to compliance with public notice requirements and applicable federal approval. The estimated total budget impact for the above proposed changes is \$2,093,163, state share \$833,079.

Rate Revision for Behavioral Health Assessments performed in Outpatient Behavioral Health Agencies

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) proposes to revise the payment methodology for Behavioral Health Assessments provided by outpatient behavioral health agencies. The current rates are based on a percentage of the 2007 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule and vary based on the length of the assessment. The proposed methodology would create a single reimbursement rate per assessment session regardless of time spent and would equate to 80% of the CY2016 MPFS for CPT code 90791 for fully licensed behavioral health professionals and 70% of the CY2016 MPFS for CPT code 90791 for licensure candidates. This change is estimated to be budget neutral to ODMHSAS.

The proposed changes will be presented in two public hearings: the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) on August 1, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. and the OHCA Board meeting on August 11, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the OHCA offices located at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, OK 73105 in the OHCA Board Room.

Copies of the proposed changes are available for public review at the OHCA by contacting Melinda Thomason at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, Oklahoma, 73105, Telephone 405-522-7125. She will link callers with local agencies in each county where copies of the proposed changes are available for public review. Written and oral comments will be accepted during regular business hours by contacting Ms. Thomason as indicated. Comments submitted will be available for review by the public Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at OHCA at the above address.