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. Changes are being made due to increases to Quality of Care fees for long-term care facilities. Additionally, this notice serves to announce the new state fiscal year (SFY) 2018 Miller Trust monthly income eligibility requirements. As a result of the annual long-term care facilities rate recalculation, the Miller Trust eligibility amount effective July 1, 2017 will increase from $4,400 to $4,422 per month. The proposed changes will be presented in two public meetings: the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee on June 27, 2017, at 1:00 PM. and the OHCA Board meeting on June 29, 2017, at 1:00 PM. Both meetings will be held at the OHCA offices located at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, OK 73105 in the OHCA Board Room.

Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IIDs) Rate Changes, Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Effective: July 1, 2017. The changes below are due to the required annual recalculation of the Quality of Care (QOC) fee and/or Direct Care Allocation mandated in the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan.

Regular Nursing Facilities:

The Quality of Care fee for REGULAR NURSING FACILITIES will be $11.29 per patient day and the base rate component will be $107.79 per patient day. Additionally, the pool amount for the “Direct Care” and “Other” components will be $160,636,876 to account for the Quality of Care (QOC) fee increase and the reallocation of the direct care cost component per the State Plan. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2018 will be an increase in the total amount of $3,329,018; with $1,367,893 state share.

Nursing Facilities Serving Residents with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS):

The Quality of Care fee for NURSING FACILITIES SERVING RESIDENTS with AIDS will be $11.29 per patient day and the AIDS rate will be $200.01 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2018 will be an increase in the total amount of $7,016; with $2,883 state share.

Regular (Greater than 16 Beds) ICF/IID:

The Quality of Care fee for REGULAR ICF/IID will be $7.54 per patient day and the rate for this provider type will be $122.77 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2018 will be an increase in the total amount of $79,253; with $32,565 state share.

Acute (16 Bed-or-Less) ICF/IID:

The Quality of Care fee for ACUTE ICF/IID will be $9.50 per patient day and the rate for this provider type will be $157.03 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2018 will be an increase in the total amount of $129,929; with $53,388 state share.

Persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed changes may do so at the following address: Demetria Bennett, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105, or by email at Demetria.Bennett@okhca.org. Copies of the proposed changes are available for public review at the OHCA by contacting Demetria Bennett by telephone 405-522-7641 or at the email address above. 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 Mrs. Bennett 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. The proposed changes may also be viewed and receive written comments on the agency's website at www.okhca.org.