

Health Service Initiative Request #9

The 2016 the SoonerCare Program Quality of Care report indicated that in 2015 only 56.7% of children ages 3-6 in the SoonerCare Program received well-child visits as compared to the national average of 71.3%, and that only 15.7% received a developmental screening during their first three years of life. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) seeks to improve these rates by working in collaboration with the University of Oklahoma (OU) College of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics to train pediatric and primary care practices to implement the Reach Out and Read (ROR) early literacy program and use standardized developmental screening tools during health visits with young children. Federal Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) policy and the ROR mission overlap in that they share common goals of ensuring timely and quality developmental surveillance by primary care providers in an effort to identify needed interventions or supports to improve health outcomes. The implementation of ROR into health care practices will improve both the quality of the child's preventive health visit and developmental screening processes. Providers will receive standardized developmental screening tools and training to incorporate them into practice. The total estimated budget for FFY19 is \$101,400; the federal share is \$98,024 and the state share is \$3,377.