

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 following method change will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on May 5, 2020 at 11:00 AM via teleconference.

OK SPA 20-0033, Certified Community Behavioral Health (CCBH) Services Reimbursement, Effective date: July 1, 2020, contingent upon CMS approval.

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (ODMHSAS) will seek approval of a State Plan amendment to replace the current process by which new rates for CCBH service providers are established. Currently, the rate for a new CCBH is based on the cost reporting year that ends June 30, using the facility's most recent annual cost report data. Revisions clarify this process by adding a requirement for new CCBH service providers to submit an initial 12-month cost report to set the provider-specific rate and allowing for retroactive adjustment to claims based on the provider-specific rate. Further, provider-specific monthly rates will be updated annually by the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) to reflect changes due to inflation.

The proposal is budget neutral.

Interested persons may visit www.okhca.org/PolicyBlog to view a copy of the proposed state plan amendment, public notice(s), location and times of public hearings, and a link to provide public comments on the proposal. 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 state plan amendment 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 state plan amendment 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 June 4 through July 4, 2020.