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Aug. 18, 2020

RE: Policy Revisions and Program Updates – Effective Sept. 14, 2020

Dear Provider,

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority made policy changes which were promulgated through the 2020 legislative session per the Administrative Procedures Act. All policy changes will be effective Sept. 14, 2020, and **will be posted** to the [policy website](#) on that date. In the interim, comprehensive summaries of the changes are listed below.

Please note, the Oklahoma Administrative Code links identified below **will be updated** with the new policy changes on Sept. 14. Please forward this letter to your administrative, billing and compliance departments.

These rule changes were posted to the OHCA Proposed Policy Changes [website](#) from Jan. 16, 2020 through Feb. 18, 2020, during the 2020 permanent rulemaking session.

Beginning Sept. 14, 2020:

Urine Drug Screening and Laboratory Services Revisions

Agency rules are amended at *OAC 317:30-5-20* and *317:30-5-20.1* to remove the word urine, in order to clarify that this policy applies to multiple specimens and not just urine specimens. Additionally, the revisions update laboratory services policy to clarify that laboratory testing for routine diagnostic or screening purposes are compensable when they are recommended by the clinical guidelines of nationally recognized professional medical academies or societies, and those sources meet medical necessity criteria, as outlined in the OHCA rules.

Polymerase Chain Reaction Testing for Infectious Diseases

An agency rule is added at *OAC 317:30-5-20.2* to establish guidelines to assure medical necessity and consistency in the prior authorization process for PCR testing. The guidelines include criteria to meet medical necessity and required documentation for approval of the prior authorization.

OHCA encourages you to review each rule change in its entirety. If you have any questions regarding these rule changes, please call the OHCA provider helpline at 800-522-0114.

Thank you for the services you provide to SoonerCare and Insure Oklahoma members.

Sincerely,

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