



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2013-13

April 1, 2013

Re: Clarification on Oklahoma Cares Application Process

Dear Screening Provider,

This letter from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) on behalf of Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), the Cherokee Nation and Kaw Nation is to clarify the medical application review process for the Oklahoma Cares program. OHCA implemented an application review process in January 2011 to better ensure that women entering into the program meet the intent of the program as outlined in the Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention and Treatment Act ([P.L. 106-354](#)). Oklahoma Cares is intended to provide treatment for cancerous and precancerous conditions and grant eligibility for full-scope Medicaid benefits.

As part of the review process, the medical review staff is looking for documentation that supports a finding indicative of a cancerous or precancerous condition. Once a member is found to be eligible with a breast or cervical finding indicative of a cancerous or precancerous condition, further diagnostic testing to determine the definitive diagnosis and/or the extent of the disease will be covered.

We have attached a "Screener's Guide to Eligibility" to help clarify what our medical staff considers when reviewing documentation. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Cheryl Moore, R.N., CCM at (405) 522-7613. Thank you for the services you provide the women of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

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