



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

I/T/U Public Notice 2012-02

May 8, 2012

RE: Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) Proposed Rule Changes for State Health Programs

Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to give you notice of proposed rule changes that will be reviewed at the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) meeting held on May 17th, 2012. As you are aware, there was also an in-person tribal consultation at OHCA regarding these rules on May 1st. OHCA is committed to active communication with Tribal Governments during the OHCA decision-making and priority-setting process and therefore keeps you apprised of all proposed rule changes.

Enclosed is a summary of the currently proposed rule changes for your review. The summary describes the purpose of each rule change and the anticipated impact on those affected. To view the complete proposal for the May 17th MAC, you can visit www.okhca.org/macagenda.

Please note that these are only proposed rule changes and have not yet taken effect. Before implementation, new rule changes must obtain budget authorization, federal approval (if applicable), OHCA Board approval, and the governor's approval.

Additionally, OHCA is now posting all proposed rule changes on the Agency's public website www.okhca.org/rule-changes. The proposed rule changes page is designed to give all constituents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and make comments regarding upcoming rule changes.

To ensure that you stay apprised of proposed rule changes, you may sign up for web alerts for the page and you will automatically be notified when any new rules are posted for comment.

OHCA values consultation with Tribal Governments and will provide your representatives a reasonable amount of time to respond to this notification. If you have any questions or comments about the proposed rule changes, please use the online comment system found at www.okhca.org/rule-changes. This system allows us to efficiently respond to comments and inquiries regarding our rules.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Miller".

Dana Miller
Indian Health Director

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12-01 Homeward Bound Waiver HTS Providers

Emergency rule revisions are proposed to provide an exception for members of the Homeward Bound Waiver receiving Habilitation Training Specialist (HTS) services. The rule revision will allow the HTS to provide more than 40 hours of service per week, when the HTS resides in the same home as the member. The rule revision is promulgated as the result of a lawsuit filed on behalf of class members of the Homeward Bound waiver.

Budget Impact – Budget Neutral