



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

I/T/U Public Notice 2013-08

September 25, 2013

RE: Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) Proposed State Plan Change for Reimbursement of Anesthesiologists and Specialty Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs)

Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to give you notice of the proposed State Plan changes related to reimbursement of Anesthesiologists and specialty Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs). The rate change for Anesthesiologists is a result of the 54th Oklahoma State Legislature appropriations to increase rates for services provided by Anesthesiologists. The estimated total state cost for this proposed change is \$3,000,000 dollars.

The proposed new reimbursement methodology for specialty PRTFs will include the extra costs associated with caring for non-verbal children. The new methodology would be an "add on" payment to the current specialty PRTF rate. The current rate is not sufficient to cover the costs of providing services to this population and without a rate increase, access to in-state care could be compromised, forcing the Agency to seek placement out-of-state. The estimated total state cost for this proposed change is \$200,000 dollars.

We have scheduled a tribal consultation on the proposed amendment at OHCA for November 5, 2013 at 11 AM. You may submit written comments through October 31, 2013 or at the November 5th consultation.

OHCA values consultation with Tribal Governments and looks forward to discussing the potential State Plan amendment. If you have any questions or comments about the proposed change, please do not hesitate to contact me at (405) 522-7303. Or, you may visit the tribal consultation webpage to send comments at <http://www.okhca.org/providers.aspx?id=12697>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dana Miller".

Dana Miller
Tribal Relations Director