

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to C.F.R. § 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. Changes are being made due to increases to Quality of Care fees for long-term care facilities and to ensure that reimbursement methodology conforms with pending permanent rules. Additionally, this notice serves to announce the new state fiscal year (SFY) 2017 Miller Trust monthly income eligibility requirements. The proposed changes will be presented in two public hearings: the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) on June 27, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. and the OHCA Board meeting on June 30, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the OHCA offices located at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, OK 73105 in the OHCA Board Room.

### **Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IIDs) Rate Changes, Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Effective: July 1, 2016**

#### **Regular Nursing Facilities:**

The Quality of Care fee for REGULAR NURSING FACILITIES will be \$11.07 per patient day and the base rate component will be \$107.57 per patient day. Additionally, the pool amount for the "Direct Care" and "Other" components will be \$158,741,836 to account for the Quality of Care (QOC) fee increase and the reallocation of the direct care cost component per the State Plan. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2017 will be an increase in the total amount of \$4,491,859; with \$1,787,760 state share.

#### **Nursing Facilities Serving Residents with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS):**

The Quality of Care fee for NURSING FACILITIES SERVING RESIDENTS with AIDS will be \$11.07 per patient day and the AIDS rate will be \$199.19 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2017 will be an increase in the total amount of \$8,758; with \$3,486 state share.

#### **Regular (Greater than 16 Beds) ICF/IID:**

The Quality of Care fee for REGULAR ICF/IID will be \$7.39 per patient day and the rate for this provider type will be \$122.32 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2017 will be an increase in the total amount of \$74,855; with \$29,792 state share.

#### **Acute (16 Bed-or-Less) ICF/IID:**

The Quality of Care fee for ACUTE ICF/IID will be \$9.31 per patient day and the rate for this provider type will be \$156.51 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2017 will be an increase in the total amount of \$89,872; with \$35,769 state share.

### **Unbundling of Obstetrical (OB) Services Methodology Change, Permanent Rule Change and Title XXI State Plan Amendment, Effective: September 1, 2016**

The methodology and reimbursement structure will change from an OB bundled payment to fee-for-service reimbursement. The OHCA will require providers rendering obstetrical services to bill using the appropriate evaluation and management codes for each antepartum visit, as well as for delivery only and postpartum care provider visits. The estimated budget impact will result in annual total savings of \$3,184,277; with a state savings of \$1,275,621.

**Eyeglass Materials Payment Methodology Change, Title XIX State Plan Amendment, Effective: September 1, 2016**

Reimbursement for eyeglass materials will be set at a flat rate for the frame and the lens as follows:

- V2020 = Eyeglass frame = \$10.00 per frame
- V2100-V2114 and V2200-V2214 = Lens = \$13.95 per lens

The estimated budget impact for SFY2017 will result in an annual total savings of \$3,944,720; with a state savings of \$1,580,255.

**Eligibility Standards - Miller Trust Fund Monthly Income Requirements, Effective July 1, 2016:**

The OHCA revised rules for the Miller Trust (or Medicaid Income Pension Trust) require the OHCA to match the current average rate per month for Medicaid services. This in effect raises the Miller trust maximum income from \$4,365 per month to \$4,400 per month.

Copies of the proposed changes are available for public review at the OHCA by contacting Melinda Thomason at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, Oklahoma, 73105, Telephone 405-522-7125. She will link callers with local agencies in each county where copies of the proposed changes are available for public review. Written and oral comments will be accepted during regular business hours by contacting Ms. Thomason as indicated. Comments submitted will be available for review by the public Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at OHCA at the above address.