



**STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

I/T/U Public Notice 2017-05

October 13, 2017

RE: Elimination of Therapeutic Leave Days for Nursing Facilities Due to Budget Reduction

Dear Tribal Representative,

The State is seeking to invoke the expedited (14 days) consultation as authorized under the state plan for the elimination of therapeutic leave days for children and adults, that reside in nursing facilities, not including Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID). The change is due to the SFY 2018 revenue the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) lost from the cigarette tax being ruled unconstitutional. The proposed elimination could change depending on the ability of the legislature to raise and allocate additional revenue to the OHCA during the special session.

The proposed change will be reviewed at the tribal consultation meeting on October 19th, 2017 at 11 a.m. in the OHCA Board Room at the OHCA's office, located at 4345 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK. The OHCA invites you to attend this meeting, and we welcome any comments you may have. The agency is committed to active communication with Tribal Governments during the decision-making and priority-setting process and therefore keeps you apprised of all proposed changes.

Please note that this is only a proposed change and has not yet taken effect. Before implementation, new changes must obtain budget authorization, the OHCA Board approval, and when applicable, federal approval and the governor's approval.

Additionally, the OHCA posts all proposed changes on the agency's [Policy Change Blog](#) and the [Native American Consultation Page](#). This public website is designed to give all constituents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and make comments regarding upcoming changes. To ensure that you stay apprised of proposed changes, you may sign up for web alerts for the page to be automatically notified when any new proposed changes are posted for comment.

If you have any questions or comments about the proposed changes, please use the online comment system found on the [Policy Change Blog](#) and/or the [Native American Consultation Page](#).

Sincerely,

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