

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 431.408, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is providing public notice of its plan to submit an amendment to the existing approved 2018 Section 1115(a) extension waiver for the SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma programs.

With this amendment request, OHCA seeks approval of the following modifications to the demonstration for the 2019-2021 extension period:

Beginning on or after February 1, 2019, the state will implement work /community engagement requirements for certain individuals related to Oklahoma Medicaid eligibility. As a condition of eligibility for Oklahoma SoonerCare benefits, applicants or existing members, not otherwise exempted, age 19-50 must provide verification of employment or community engagement in specified educational, job training or job search activities for at least 80 hours per month. SoonerCare members who fail to meet the work/community engagement requirements for three months during a plan year will be dis-enrolled from SoonerCare until requirements are met.

SoonerCare work/community engagement activities are modeled in accordance with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) currently operational in Oklahoma. Work/community engagement requirements for new or continued SoonerCare eligibility are set out below:

1. Working an average of twenty (20) hours or more per week, each month. The employment may be paid, in-kind, unpaid, or volunteer work; or
2. Participating in and complying with the requirements of a work program twenty (20) hours or more per week. The member may participate in 20 hours or more per week with the:
  - (a) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program;
  - (b) The Trade Adjustment Assistance Program; or
  - (c) The Employment and Training (E&T) Program. Job search or job search training activities, when offered as part of other E&T program components, are acceptable as long as those activities comprise less than half the total required time spent in the components ;or
3. Volunteering an average of twenty (20) hours or more per week, each month with religious or community organizations; or
4. Meeting any combination of work, participating in work training or volunteering for an average of twenty (20) hours or more per week, each month,

### **Exemptions**

Certain individuals may be exempted from the above requirements. For a complete list of individuals who are exempt from the SoonerCare work/community engagement requirements please refer to the [Policy Change Blog](#) website.

It is the intent of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to submit the amendment no later than October 1, 2018 with an effective date of February 1, 2019. The initial budget impact for system modifications is estimated at \$700,000 total dollars with \$70,000 of the total being state share. However, additional dollars are anticipated for the administration of the program but an exact amount is unknown at this time.

The OHCA expects to conduct several public meetings around the state during the months of July-September. As of this date, the agency has scheduled the below required public meetings. Information on additional meetings will be provided on the agency's public website as future dates and times are determined.

July 11, 2018 11:00 a.m.  
Tribal Consultation  
Ed McFall Boardroom  
Oklahoma Health Care Authority  
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

July 19, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.  
Medical Advisory Committee  
Ed McFall Boardroom  
Oklahoma Health Care Authority  
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

August 10, 2018 11:30 a.m.  
OU Sooner Health Access Network  
OU – Tulsa Schusterman Center – Learning Center  
4502 E. 41<sup>st</sup> Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma

The OHCA welcomes comments from the public regarding the amendment to the SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma 1115(a) Demonstration Waiver program. The application waiver will be posted online on [OHCA's Public Blog Website](#) from July 3, 2018 through September 3, 2018.

Comments and questions may be submitted online through the [Policy Change Blog](#) and the [Native American Consultation Blog](#) or by contacting Bill Garrison, OHCA Federal & State Reporting Coordinator by telephone at 405-522-7914 or via email at [bill.garrison@okhca.org](mailto:bill.garrison@okhca.org) or by written comment at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

Comments may also be made at [Medicaid.gov 1115 Demonstrations](#) after the amendment has been submitted to CMS on or after October 1, 2018.