

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 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.

Out-of-State Services, Effective date: September 1, 2019, contingent upon CMS approval.

The OHCA proposes to clarify coverage and reimbursement methodology for services rendered by providers that are physically located outside of Oklahoma. Additionally, the request will delineate out-of-state services, provider participation requirements, prior authorizations, and medical records requirements. Lastly, the proposal will outline reimbursement criteria for out-of-state providers who do not accept the payment rate established through the Oklahoma State Plan. Reimbursement for out-of-state inpatient and outpatient hospital services as well as physician services shall be reimbursed in the same manner as in-state services by the methodology set forth in Oklahoma's Medicaid State Plan for the individual service and the reimbursement shall not exceed 100 percent of the Medicare allowable. The proposal seeks to reduce unnecessary out-of-pocket expenses for SoonerCare when receiving services outside of Oklahoma and ensure that Medicaid members are receiving the best care. This proposal is budget neutral as it sets out to standardize out-of-state coverage and payment methodologies as well as align with practice.

Persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed changes may do so at the following address: Federal Authorities Unit, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105, or by email at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Copies of the proposed changes are available for public review at the OHCA by contacting the email above. Written and oral comments will be accepted during regular business hours by contacting the OHCA as indicated. Comments submitted will be available for review by the public Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at OHCA located at the above address or online at www.okhca.org/proposedchanges. The proposed changes may also be viewed and receive written comments on the agency's website at www.okhca.org/proposedchanges.