



SoonerCare Provider Reimbursement Notice

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Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Rate Update

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Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Providers:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has approved a State Plan Amendment that affects the reimbursement methodology for Rural Health Clinics (RHC) in Oklahoma.

Updated RHC Methodology in the Oklahoma State Plan, Attachment 4.19-B, Page 2:

Effective July 1, 2019, RHCs have the option to be paid using an alternative payment methodology (APM) if the RHC elects. RHC services paid using the APM are reimbursed at the rate indicated on the facilities periodic rate notification letter from the Medicare Fiscal Intermediary. In order to receive this rate, a RHC must agree to the APM and forward a copy of the facilities' periodic rate notification letter for its most recent full cost reporting year received from the fiscal intermediary to the state agency. The APM rate a facility receives will not be less than prospective payment system (PPS). There is no retroactive cost settlement.

In order to receive the alternative payment methodology please submit a signed letter agreeing to the APM, as well as the period rate notification letter for the most recent full cost reporting year received from the fiscal intermediary. You can e-mail this information to ProvReimb@okhca.org or fax to (405) 530-3477. If received before November 15, 2019, the rate will be backdated to July 1, 2019. Claims will be recycled for rates that are backdated. After November 15, 2019, the rates will become effective upon the date the letter is received by OHCA.

Facilities that do not opt-in to the APM will continue to receive payment under the previous methodology. These amounts are based on historical cost reports and inflated annually by the percentage increase in the Medicare Economic Index (MEI).

If you have any questions or require additional information please phone Kambra Reddick at (405) 522-7734 or email at ProvReimb@okhca.org.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's *SoonerCare* members.