MISSION

To create and promote collaborative relationships among the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, tribal health care stakeholders, sovereign tribal governments, federal agencies and nontraditional partners through meaningful communication. We strive to maximize partnerships to achieve shared goals and improve the health outcomes of Oklahomans.

Partnerships

OHCA is dedicated to collaborating with diverse partners, which make it possible to provide much needed information and resources to SoonerCare families and individuals.

- Federal agencies
- Private business entities
- Charitable organizations
- Oklahoma state agencies
- Tribal governments
- National organizations
- Local municipalities
- Inter-state agencies
- OK Heart Association

Enrollment

Enrollment with 43 ITUs and tribal governments has resulted in several American Indians and Alaskan Natives being connected to the SoonerCare program, therefore increasing access to care and services within the tribal community.

21,433 TOTAL APPROVED APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY ITU AGENCY VIEW PARTNERS IN SFY 2019.

Spotlight

The OHCA team leads multiple projects that support tribal health care programs.

COLLABORATIVE SAVINGS

The Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation and the Indian Health Services have partnered with OHCA to realize $223,943 in savings to the agency budget from SFY 2017 through SFY 2019. This dollar-saving collaboration is a result of the 100% Federal Medical Assistance Percentage initiative between OHCA and Urban Indian Clinic (ITU) providers that allows the state to maximize federal participation for referrals of SoonerCare members from ITUs.

TRIBAL MEDICAID ADMINISTRATIVE MATCH

Outreach & Linkage: Tribal Medicaid Administrative Match: With just 3 tribal contractors, there have been 53,021 approved applications processed from SFY 2014 to SFY 2019 (both recertifications and new).

OHCA was the first state agency to implement a Tribal Consultation Policy and that model is considered the gold standard nationally. In our work with other tribes at the national level, it is an honor to share the successful and effective working relationships among OHCA, Indian Health Service, tribes and Urban Indian Clinics in Oklahoma. The respect and special working relationships have been demonstrated from all levels of OHCA. The Oklahoma ITUs are grateful for the outstanding work and support from the OHCA Tribal Government Relations staff.

- Yvonne Myers,
ACA/Medicaid Consultant for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services
Community Engagement

73 OUTREACH EVENTS

- 31 provider outreach events
- 16 presentations
- 17 health fair events
- 5 partnership support events
- 3 tribal leader meetings
- 1 leadership engagement event

The OHCA TGR team visited numerous tribal communities throughout the state. The goal of these outreach efforts is to connect with SoonerCare members and partners to increase awareness of the SoonerCare program and build collaborative partnerships.

SoonerCare Tribal Consultation Annual Meeting:
OHCA's Annual Tribal Consultation meeting provides an opportunity for tribal communities to receive updates, as well as give input and ask questions about the SoonerCare and Insure Oklahoma program. The meeting also brings state and tribal leaders together to share best practices.

Bi-Monthly Tribal Consultation:
OHCA convenes bi-monthly tribal consultation meetings on the first Tuesday of every odd numbered month. These meetings are open to the public, and key tribal stakeholders are invited to provide feedback.

TRIBAL CONSULTATIONS

- 7 meetings
- 59 items considered
- 11 tribes/organizations represented on average
- 18 tribal attendees on average

2020 Calendar of Events

JANUARY 7
Bi-Monthly Tribal Consultation

FEBRUARY
Tribal Partnership Planning Session

MARCH 3
Bi-Monthly Tribal Consultation

MAY 5
Bi-Monthly Tribal Consultation

JULY 7
Bi-Monthly Tribal Consultation

AUGUST
Riverside Back-to-School Health Fair

SEPTEMBER 1
Bi-Monthly Tribal Consultation

OCTOBER 20
Tribal Consultation Annual Meeting

NOVEMBER 3
Bi-Monthly Tribal Consultation

NOVEMBER
Fall Provider Training