

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 440.386 and Section 447.205 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to provide public notice of its intent to submit a state plan amendment (SPA) to substantially modify the existing Adult Expansion Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP). The proposal was presented at the tribal consultations on March 2, 2021 and May 4, 2021 at 11 AM via teleconference.

Adult Expansion ABP Benefits Update; Effective: July 1, 2021.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) seeks to remove the 24-day limitation for inpatient physician services and add medication assisted treatment (MAT) as well as substance use disorder (SUD) inpatient services to the Adult Expansion ABP benefits provided to expansion adults as described in 42 CFR 435.119. The proposed service changes were recently amended or added to the State Plan and the benefit package within the Adult Expansion ABP needs to be revised to reflect the approved State Plan. Further updates include revisions to the original content describing skilled nursing and long-term care services available to expansion adults within the ABP. The Agency intends to submit a SPA to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on or after May 2, 2021.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2022 will be an increase in the total amount of \$11,870,354; with \$1,187,036 in state share.

Interested persons may visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notice to view a copy of the public notice(s) and visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes to view a copy of the proposed state plan amendment and a link to provide public comments on the proposal. Due to the current public health emergency and the associated social distancing guidelines, persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed state plan amendments may do so via mail by writing to: Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Federal Authorities Unit, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or by email at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Written comments or requests for copies of the proposed state plan amendments will be accepted by contacting OHCA as indicated. Comments submitted through the OHCA policy blog will be available for review online at oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes. Other written comments are available upon request at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Comments will be accepted from April 1, 2021 through May 18, 2021.

The Agency solicited input from Oklahoma's tribal representatives regarding the proposed changes herein in compliance with section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and in accordance with the Oklahoma State Plan tribal consultation policy. The Agency also assures that individuals under twenty-one (21) years of age, pursuant to EPSDT federal regulations, Section 440.345 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations and 1905(r) of the Social Security Act, may receive additional services if determined medically necessary.