



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

I/T/U Public Notice 2013-04

April 23, 2013

RE: Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) Proposed Changes for SoonerCare and Home and Community Based Waiver Services

Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to give you notice of proposed changes that will be reviewed at the tribal consultation meeting held on May 7th, 2013 at 11 A.M. in the Ponca conference room at OHCA's offices located at 2401 NW 23rd street, OKC, OK. OHCA invites you to attend this meeting, and we welcome any comments you may have. OHCA is committed to active communication with Tribal Governments during the OHCA decision-making and priority-setting process and therefore keeps you apprised of all proposed changes.

Enclosed is a summary of the currently proposed waiver changes for your review. The summary describes the purpose of each waiver change and the anticipated impact on those affected. To view the complete waiver proposal for the May 7th tribal consultation, you can visit <http://www.okhca.org/providers.aspx?id=12697>

Please note that these are only proposed changes and have not yet taken effect. Before implementation, new changes must obtain budget authorization, OHCA Board approval, and when applicable, federal approval and the governor's approval.

Additionally, OHCA is now posting all proposed changes on the Agency's public website www.okhca.org/rule-changes. This public website is designed to give all constituents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and make comments regarding upcoming policy changes. To ensure that you stay apprised of proposed policy changes, you may sign up for web alerts for the page to be automatically notified when any new proposed policy changes are posted for comment.

OHCA values consultation with Tribal Governments and will provide your representatives a reasonable amount of time to respond to this notification. If you have any questions or comments about the proposed policy changes, please use the online comment system found at www.okhca.org/rule-changes. This system allows us to efficiently respond to comments and inquiries regarding our proposed policy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dana Miller".

Dana Miller
Tribal Relations Director

PROPOSED WAIVER CHANGES

Waiver Amendments

My Life; My Choice Amendment Request – The State intends to submit a request to increase the current waiver year (WY3) enrollment slots to accommodate transitions from the Living Choice Demonstration. My Life; My Choice waiver was created as one of the graduation waivers for members ages 20-64 who are physically disabled that meet nursing facility level of care who transition into the community from the Living Choice Demonstration. As Living Choice transitions are successful, My Life; My Choice enrollment continues to expand, thereby creating a need for expansion in enrollment capacity.

Waiver Renewals (Expedited Timeframe)

The State is seeking to invoke the expedited (14days) consultation as authorized under the state plan.

Medically Fragile Renewal Request – The State intends to submit a request for renewal of the Medically Fragile 1915(c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), extending the waiver from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

The Medically Fragile waiver serves members who are 19 years and over who have a medically fragile condition and meet skilled nursing facility or hospital level of care.

Changes requested in this renewal are: 1) to increase the enrollment capacity over the five year renewal period; 2) to amend performance measures to strengthen quality and reporting and; 3) to amend language to bring waiver into compliance with current practices.

My Life; My Choice Renewal Request (Regular Timeframe)- The State intends to submit a request for renewal of the My Life; My Choice 1915 (c) Home and Community Based Services Waiver to (CMS), extending the waiver from October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2018.

Changes requested in this renewal are: 1) to increase enrollment capacity over the five year renewal period; 2) to amend performance measures; and 3) amend language to bring waiver in agreement with current practices.

Waiver Withdrawals

ADvantage Assisted Living Waiver- The State has withdrawn the ADvantage Assisted Living Waiver and incorporated all Assisted Living services back into the ADvantage waiver as they were previously listed.

Medically Fragile Waiver Renewal- The State has withdrawn the Medically Fragile Waiver renewal in an effort to adhere to the tribal consultation processes listed in the approved State Plan. The State will conduct proper tribal consultation as outlined in the approved State Plan and resubmit the renewal for consideration of approval.