

## 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 ABP proposal was presented at the tribal consultations on March 2, 2021 and May 4, 2021 at 11 AM via teleconference. A notice was sent to providers of Indian Health Service, tribal government(s), and urban Indian health program (I/T/U) services on May 25, 2021 to inform providers of the of the proposed dental changes; these changes will also be presented at the upcoming June 8, 2021 tribal consultation at 11 AM via teleconference

### **Adult Expansion ABP Benefits Update & Adult Dental Coverage Revisions; Effective: July 1, 2021.**

#### Changes to the ABP

ABP updates include revisions to the original content submitted to CMS. The State will note that infusion therapy is a covered service, appropriately rename the skilled nursing service, and remove long-term care services from the ABP. Additionally, the OHCA seeks to make changes to its ABP by removing the 24-day limitation for inpatient physician services, add medication assisted treatment (MAT) services, and add residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services. The ABP provides benefits to Expansion Adults, as described in 42 CFR 435.119. The proposed service changes were recently amended or added to the Oklahoma State Plan; the benefit package within the Adult Expansion ABP is being revised to reflect the approved State Plan. The Agency intends to submit the ABP State Plan Amendment (SPA) to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on or after June 9, 2021.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2022 will be an increase in the total amount of \$7,400,018; with \$740,018 in state share.

#### Dental Coverage Revisions

Per legislative directive from the 58<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma Legislature, the OHCA will expand dental benefits within the Oklahoma State Plan. Dental examinations, X-rays, dental cleanings, fluoride, dental fillings, scaling and root planning, as well as, dentures and partial dentures will be added as covered services, subject to prior authorization, for adult SoonerCare members. Adult members, including Expansion Adults, will have access to the aforementioned dental benefits effective July 1, 2021. The newly added dental services will be reimbursed pursuant to the current established methodology for dental services within the Oklahoma State Plan. Coverage of newly added dental services, as described, will also be added to the ABP SPA.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2022 to add dental benefits for all SoonerCare adult members, inclusive of Expansion Adults, will be an increase in the total amount of \$68,653,438; with \$14,124,398 in state share.

Interested persons may visit [oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notice](https://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](https://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. 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](mailto: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](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes). Other written comments are available upon

request at [federal.authorities@okhca.org](mailto:federal.authorities@okhca.org). Comments will be accepted from April 1, 2021 through June 8, 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.