

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 440.386 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 modify the existing Adult Expansion Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP). The proposal was presented at the tribal consultations on January 4, 2022 via teleconference.

Adult Expansion ABP Benefits Update; Effective: January 1, 2022.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) seeks to amend the ABP to add intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) services (other than such services in an institution for mental diseases) who are determined, in accordance with Section 1902(a)(31)(A), to be in need of such care. Additionally, the ABP will include coverage of routine patient costs for items and services furnished in connection with participation by members in qualifying clinical trials. Further revisions include appropriately renaming the inpatient rehabilitation hospital benefit by removing “skilled nursing” from the service/title description.

The Agency intends to submit the ABP SPA request to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on or after March 7, 2022.

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. . 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 February 2, 2022 through March 4, 2022.

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.