

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 447.205, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in methods and standards for setting payment rates for services in the SoonerCare program. The following method change will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on January 4, 2022, at 11:00 AM via teleconference.

### **Routine Patient Costs Associated with Qualified Clinical Trials; Effective: January 1, 2022; contingent upon CMS approval.**

Beginning January 1, 2022, a State Plan amendment (SPA) is required to assure coverage and participation requirements of a new mandatory benefit added to the Social Security Act for routine patient costs for items and services furnished in connection with participation by Medicaid beneficiaries in qualifying clinical trials. These services include any item or service provided to an eligible member under the qualifying clinical trial, including any item or service provided to prevent, diagnose, monitor, or treat complications resulting from participation in the qualifying clinical trial. Routine patient costs associated with qualified clinical trials will be covered to the extent that the provision of such items or services to the member would otherwise be covered outside the course of participation in the qualifying clinical trial under the state plan, home and community-based services (HCBS) waiver, and the 1115 SoonerCare demonstration project. The coverage determination shall be completed within 72 hours and shall be based on attestation from the qualified clinical trial provider. Reimbursement for routine patient costs associated with qualified clinical trials will follow the Agency's existing rate methodology within the Oklahoma State Plan for the individual service/item provided found.

The State considers this SPA to be budget neutral as the requirements for service provision and reimbursement have been in effect since 2018; the primary change for OHCA to comport with the new federal requirement is to establish the 72-hour coverage requirement.

Interested persons may visit [oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notices](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notices) 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. 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](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 February 2, 2022 through March 4, 2022.