

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to sections 447.205 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 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 September 6, 2022, at 11:00 AM via teleconference and will be heard before the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) hearing on September 6, 2022, at 2:00 PM and the OHCA Board meeting on September 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

### **Dental Services Reimbursement Methodology, Effective date: October 1, 2022, contingent upon CMS approval.**

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority proposes to update the reimbursement rate methodology for dental services due to increased appropriations within the state fiscal year (SFY) 2023 budget intended for increased dental provider rates. Under the new proposed methodology, dental service rates will be comparable or higher than other states within our region.

The proposed rate methodology will continue to utilize the calculation of Relative Value Units (RVUs) times a Conversion Factor; however, the State will use the Optum Coding Relative Values for Dentists Data File to update the RVUs annually.

The current conversion factor of 30.4887 is the same for all populations and has not been updated in several years. The proposed rate methodology utilizes a different conversion factor for children and adults (30.4887 and 33.5700 respectively). The rate increase in the aggregate for children is over 5% and over 14% for adults. Additionally, updating the dental rate methodology will improve the Agency's ratio of Medicaid reimbursement to private dental insurance reimbursement which will be 73.02%, an improvement greater than 10% in this ratio.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2023 will be an increase in the total amount of \$13,535,511; with \$2,527,105 in the state share. For SFY 2024, the increased total is estimated to be \$18,047,348; with \$4,409,178 in the 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 September 6 through October 6, 2022.