

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 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 temporarily modify its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services. Due to the urgent nature of this SPA, CMS has allowed states to issue public notice after submission and approval as described in the March 15, 2024 [CMCS Informational Bulletin \(CIB\)](#). An Indian Health Services, Tribal, and Urban Indian (I/T/U) notice will be sent to inform tribal partners of the temporary changes on April 19, 2024. The temporary changes will be presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on April 30, 2024, at 11:00 AM via teleconference.

### **Emergency Interim Payments**

OHCA has developed an emergency interim payment methodology for inpatient and outpatient hospital providers affected by the ongoing cyberattack on Change Healthcare ("the incident"). As described by the March 15 CIB, OHCA will issue payments to affected providers based on historical claims data while they are unable to submit actual claims. This payment methodology will only be used for payments made between the onset of the incident and June 30, 2024. Once access to claims systems is regained, but no later than June 30, 2024, OHCA will reconcile the amount paid using this novel payment methodology with the amount due to a provider based on actual claims. To assist with rapid implementation of this methodology and prevent service disruptions, CMS is not enforcing public notice and tribal consultation requirements as defined by federal regulations. OHCA received CMS approval of this SPA on April 11, 2024.

Due to the reconciliation process, this SPA is anticipated to be budget neutral. These payments are not considered advance payments.

*Effective date: February 21, 2024.*

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(s) 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 19 through May 4, 2024.

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