



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2013-26

July 8, 2013

**Re: Amendments to Genetic Testing and Counseling Policy**

Dear Provider,

This letter is to inform you of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) recent policy changes promulgated through the Administrative Procedures Act. All policy changes are effective July 1, 2013. Brief overviews of the changes are described below. If your agency or facility has a social services department, please forward this letter to the supervisors in that unit.

**Genetic Testing**

[OAC 317:30-5-2](#) discusses amendments to define the circumstances under which genetic testing will be covered by OHCA. Both the volume and cost of genetic testing are growing, and the growth rates are expected to rise significantly going forward. Currently, OHCA has no written policy addressing the medical necessity of genetic testing, although most of the new 2012-2013 molecular pathology codes have been activated and are covered services as described by this policy,

Policy will set medical necessity criteria similar to other Medicaid states and private insurance, which requires the member to undergo a genetic risk assessment or display clinical evidence indicating a chance of a genetic abnormality and that those results change treatment, change health monitoring, provide prognosis, or provide information needed for genetic counseling for the patient.

**Genetic Counseling**

[OAC 317:30-5-219 through OAC 317:30-5-223](#) amend the policy to expand genetic counseling services to all members that are eligible for medically necessary genetic testing. Currently, OHCA only covers genetic counseling for members with a pregnancy at high risk of genetic abnormalities.

This letter is provided for informational purposes only. OHCA encourages you to review each rule change in its entirety. If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this letter, please contact (800) 522-0114.

Thank you for the services you provide to our members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Garth L. Splinter, M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Garth L. Splinter, M.D.  
State Medicaid Director