OHCA 2014-03

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## **RE: Changes in Co-Pays for SoonerCare Members**

Dear SoonerCare Member,

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) Board has taken action to reduce the costs of SoonerCare. This change is necessary to comply with the Oklahoma Constitution, Article X, Section 203. This section states a state agency cannot spend more money than it receives in its annual budget. This letter is about changes to co-pays for SoonerCare. Upon the approval of the OHCA Board and the Governor, beginning July 1, 2014, the co-pays for many services have changed. Most co-pays have gone up from \$3 to \$4. Certain groups and benefits are exempt from this increase. These exempt groups include:

- children:
- pregnancy related services;
- certain American Indians and Alaskan Natives;
- persons residing in an institution;
- persons receiving hospice care; and
- persons in the Oklahoma Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program.

Furthermore, persons served in home and community-based services waivers will not have a change in their co-pays for prescription drugs and insulin. Please see the chart below for a list of the new co-pays.

Service	Co-Pays
Ambulatory Surgery Centers	\$4 per visit
Behavioral Health Inpatient	\$75 per visit
Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy	\$4 per visit
Clinic services including Renal Dialysis services	\$4 per visit
Emergency Dental services	None
Diabetic supplies	\$4 per claim
Diagnostic X-ray services	\$4 per visit
Durable Medical Equipment and supplies	\$4 per claim
Emergency services	None
FQHC services	\$4 per visit
Home Health services	\$4 per visit
Immunizations	\$4 per date of service
Inpatient hospital services (Acute Care only)	\$75 per visit
Laboratory	\$4 per visit
Outpatient hospital services	\$4 per visit
Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and	\$4 per visit
Speech Therapy	
PCP visits and physician services	\$4 per visit
Preventive services	\$4 per visit as applicable
Podiatry services	\$4 per visit
Prescription Drugs and insulin	\$4 each prescription
Prenatal, delivery and postpartum services	None

Rural Health Clinic services	\$4 per visit
Specialty Clinic visits	\$4 per visit
Tuberculosis services	\$4 per visit

The member is responsible for paying all co-pay amounts. The change will not affect claims with dates of service before July 1, 2014. If you have questions, please contact the SoonerCare Helpline. The SoonerCare Helpline number is (800) 987-7767.

Sincerely,

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