

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to C.F.R. § 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 payment changes will necessitate amendments to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan.

Nursing Facilities Supplemental Payment Program

The OHCA proposes to implement a supplemental payment program for nursing facilities owned, and as applicable, operated by non-state government owned (NSGO) entities effective May 1, 2018. The state plan amendment defines the scope, the payment methodology, and the payment frequency for the supplemental payment program up to the allowable Medicare upper payment limit (UPL) to qualified NSGOs. The estimated total federal budget impact for the Nursing Facilities Supplemental Payment Program State Plan Amendment is \$7,737,891 for the remainder of federal fiscal year (FFY) 2018 and \$18,570,938 for federal fiscal year (FFY) 2019. Additional federal dollars will be available by leveraging the gap between Medicaid and Medicare payments up to the UPL. It is estimated that this request will be budget neutral for the State as the NSGOs will bear the cost of providing the state share match for the program.

The proposed State Plan Amendment documents are available for public review and comment on the OHCA's Proposed Changes website at www.okhca.org/Proposed-Changes. Copies of the proposed State Plan Amendment documents can also be obtained by contacting Sandra Puebla, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105, or by email at Sandra.Puebla@okhca.org, telephone 405-522-7270. She will link callers with local agencies in each county where copies of the proposed changes are available for public review. Written and oral comments will be accepted during regular business hours by contacting Ms. Puebla as indicated. Comments submitted will be available for review by the public Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at OHCA at the above address.