

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 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 method change will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on May 5 and will be presented again on September 1, 2020 at 11:00 AM via teleconference. The proposed changes will be virtually presented at State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) meeting on September 8, 2020 at 1 p.m. Interested persons can request to attend the virtual SPARC meeting by visiting the [SPARC webpage](#) on the OHCA website at [www.okhca.org](http://www.okhca.org).

**OK SPA 20-0033, Certified Community Behavioral Health (CCBH) Services Reimbursement, Effective date: July 1, 2020; effective date for adjustment reimbursement methodology: September 1, 2020. Requests are contingent upon CMS approval.**

Effective July 1, 2020, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (ODMHSAS) will seek approval of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to replace the current process by which new rates for CCBH service providers are established. Currently, the rate for a new CCBH is based on the cost reporting year that ends June 30, using the facility's most recent annual cost report data. Revisions clarify this process by adding a requirement for new CCBH service providers to submit an initial 12-month cost report to set the provider-specific rate. Additionally, provider-specific monthly rates will be updated annually by the March update to the Medicare Economic Index (MEI) to reflect changes due to inflation. Further, the provider-specific standard rate will be adjusted to facilitate the expanded use of new mobile technology and crisis stabilization services to transform the CCBH delivery system. Effective September 1, 2020, an adjustment to the PPS rate will be paid to providers whose standard CCBH rate is less than 95% of the average of all urban and rural CCBH provider-specific standard rates. To calculate the payment, the difference in the average of all urban and rural CCBHCs and the trended provider-specific rate will be subtracted. This payment adjustment will be \$50 per member per month (PMPM), it will be added to the trended provider-specific rate, and it is effective 12 months following the determination of the final rate. Additionally, the SPA will correct a typographical error to align the SPA with prior approval and with practice.

The estimated budget impact for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 will be an increase in the total of \$2,418,799; with \$724,720 state share. The estimated budget impact for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022 will be an increase in the total of \$2,809,599; with \$899,863 state share.

Due to the current public health emergency and the associated social distancing guidelines, persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed state plan amendment 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 amendment will be accepted by contacting OHCA as indicated. Comments submitted through the OHCA policy blog will be available for review online at [www.okhca.org/PolicyBlog](http://www.okhca.org/PolicyBlog). Other written comments are available upon request at [federal.authorities@okhca.org](mailto:federal.authorities@okhca.org).