



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

I/T/U Public Notice 2017-03

September 1, 2017

**RE: Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) Proposed Rule, State Plan, and Waiver Amendments**

Dear Tribal Representative,

The purpose of this letter is to give you notice of proposed changes that will be reviewed at the tribal consultation meeting held on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 11 a.m. in the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) Board Room at the OHCA's office, located at 4345 N Lincoln, Oklahoma City, OK. The OHCA invites you to attend this meeting, and we welcome any comments you may have. The agency is committed to active communication with Tribal Governments during the decision-making and priority-setting process and therefore keeps you apprised of all proposed changes.

In an effort to account for the loss of revenue based on the recent Supreme Court decision regarding the Cigarette Fee, the agency is considering reducing the reimbursement rates for oxygen and nebulizers. The proposed change will have an expedited Tribal consultation period of, September 5, 2017- September 19, 2017.

Additionally, in an effort to clarify dental coverage for adults, the agency is proposing to amend the rule that restricts dental services for adults to "emergency" extractions. The policy was initially intended for emergency extractions and was later revised to medically necessary extractions. The intent of the change was to ensure the emergency extractions were medically necessary; therefore, the policy will revert back to the original language to include the term emergency.

Please note that these are only proposed changes and have not yet taken effect. Before implementation, new changes must obtain budget authorization, the OHCA Board approval, and when applicable, federal approval and the Governor's approval.

The OHCA posts all proposed changes on the agency's [Policy Change Blog](#) and the [Native American Consultation Page](#). This public website is designed to give all constituents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and make comments regarding upcoming policy changes. To ensure that you stay apprised of proposed policy changes, you may sign up for web alerts for the page to be automatically notified when any new proposed policy changes are posted for comment.

If you have any questions or comments about the proposed changes, please use the online comment system found on the [Policy Change Blog](#) and/or the [Native American Consultation Page](#).

Sincerely,

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