



SoonerCare Provider Reimbursement Notice

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Changes to Oklahoma SoonerCare PRTF Reimbursement effective October 1, 2006

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Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Providers and others serving clients in psychiatric residential treatment facilities

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide additional information regarding changes to PRTF reimbursement approved by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) Board at the September meeting. These changes include establishing new peer groups for reimbursing inpatient PRTF services at an "all-inclusive" per diem, and increases the per diem payments. **Separate payment will no longer be allowed for other medical services provided to a SoonerCare (Medicaid) member under the age of 21 who is a resident in an Institution for Mental Diseases (IMD).** PRTFs with 17 beds or more (including hospital based units) with an agreement with the OHCA to provide the Medicaid inpatient psychiatric benefit for members under the age of 21 are IMDs. These changes, pending final approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), are to become effective for claims filed with dates of service on or after October 1, 2006.

A state plan amendment (SPA) has been submitted to CMS for review of these changes and must be approved in order to claim federal financial participation. Obviously the CMS decision on this SPA will not be received until after the proposed effective date and, until the SPA is approved, the payment rates cannot be increased. If CMS has any concerns regarding this SPA, we will work to resolve them as quickly as possible.

In the interim we will continue to process claims at the current per diem and method of payment.

Following receipt of approval from CMS, the following will occur:

- You will be notified of your new per diem rates and our system will be updated with the effective date of October 1.
- You will not need to re-file claims. We will reprocess any claims filed with dates of service on or after October 1 with the higher rates.
- You will still be responsible for any other medical services claimed while the member is in the facility during this period of transition. Any services filed and paid to other providers will be recouped.
- No further action will be required by you, unless necessitated by agreements with other medical providers, following recoupments.

We regret any inconvenience this delay will cause to the services you provide to SoonerCare members. We encourage you to use this time to update your systems and any required contract modifications with other medical providers.