

Oklahoma *SoonerCare* Update

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Dear Provider:

Provider Rate Increases Approved

The Oklahoma Legislature appropriated funds to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to implement fee increases for services provided to Medicaid eligible individuals on or after August 1, 2005. These additional funds were included in House Bill 1088. The OHCA Board approved the rate increases at the July 14 Executive Board meeting.

Effective for services provided on or after August 1, 2005, the Medicaid conversion factor will be raised to \$37.8975 for all procedures. The change will result in increases for all procedures included in the Relative Value Units (RVU) calculations in the Fee-For-Service program. A "Dear Provider" letter will be distributed to providers to explain these increases in greater detail. The web link for these letters is:

<http://www.ohca.state.ok.us/provider/letters/Medicaid/>

A corresponding increase to capitation rates for **SoonerCare** providers will be announced in a contract amendment to be mailed to the network the week of July 18.

Documentation Requested for 4th DTaP Bonus Payments for 2004

To receive your bonus payment for administering the fourth DTaP injection for your under-two-years-old **SoonerCare** members, please provide us a list with the following information:

Name of Child
RID (Recipient Identification Designator) number
Date of Service

Please include (provider) name, provider number, contact name, and phone number. We will process all submissions at one time. No submissions received after Aug. 15, 2005 will be accepted.

EPSDT Claims Data Updated Weekly

Providers who are reviewing EPSDT screening information while checking the Eligibility Verification System will now find that information is updated more rapidly. OHCA has implemented an internal change in EPSDT reporting so that "paid" status EPSDT claims are added to the eligibility records once every week. Prior to this system enhancement, the claims were added to eligibility once a month.

Providers are also reminded that calculations for EPSDT Bonus Payments are based on encounters with a "paid" status billed under the **SoonerCare** provider number. Questions about the EPSDT bonus payments may be directed to your provider representative or to Kevin Jones, compliance analyst, at 405-522-7204. For any provider who was dissatisfied with EPSDT bonus payment results for 2004, **SoonerCare** will perform an analysis of claims issues to assist the provider with filing correctly for 2005. Please contact Kevin Jones for this assistance.