TITLE 317. OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
CHAPTER 35. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN-ELIGIBILITY

SUBCHAPTER 9. ICF/IID, HCBW/IID, AND INDIVIDUALS AGE 65 OR OLDER IN MENTAL HEALTH HOSPITALS

PART 1. SERVICES

317:35-9-1. Overview of long-term medical care services; relationship to Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), and other Medicaid services eligibility, and spenddown calculation

(a) ~~**Long Term Medical Care Services**. Long-term medical care for the categorically needy includes care in a nursing facility (refer to OAC 317:35-19), public and private intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (refer to this subchapter), persons age 65 years or older in mental health hospitals (refer to this subchapter), Home and Community Based Waiver Services for the Intellectually Disabled (refer to this subchapter), and Home and Community Based Waiver Services for frail elderly and a targeted group of adults with physical disabilities age 21 and over who have not been determined to have a developmental disability, an intellectual disability or a related condition (refer to OAC 317:35-17). Personal Care provides services in the own home for categorically needy individuals (refer to OAC 317:35-15). Any time an individual is certified as eligible for Medicaid coverage of long-term care, the individual is also eligible for other Medicaid services. Another application or additional spenddown computation is not required. Spenddown is applied to the first long-term care claim filed. Any time an aged, blind or disabled individual is determined eligible for long-term care, a separate determination must be made to see if eligibility conditions as a Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) or Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) are met. Another application for QMB or SLMB benefits is not required. Any spenddown computed for long-term care is not applicable to QMB or SLMB coverage.~~Long-term medical care for the categorically needy includes:

(1) Care in a nursing facility, per Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 317:35-19;

(2) Public and private intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities, per OAC 317:35-9;

(3) Persons age sixty-five (65) years or older in mental health hospitals, per OAC 317:35-9;

(4) Home and Community Based Waiver Services for the Intellectually Disabled, per OAC 317:35-9;

(5) Home and Community Based Waiver Services for the ADvantage program, per OAC 317:35-17; and

(6) State Plan Personal Care provides services, per OAC 317:35-15.

(b) Any time an individual is certified as eligible for ~~Medicaid coverage of~~ long-term care SoonerCare coverage, the individual is also eligible for other ~~Medicaid~~ SoonerCare services. Another application or additional spenddown computation is not required. Spenddown is applied to the first long-term care claim filed. Any time an aged, blind or disabled individual is determined eligible for long-term care, a separate determination ~~must be~~ is made to see if eligibility conditions as a ~~Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)~~QMB or ~~Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)~~SLMB are met. Another application for QMB or SLMB benefits is not required. Any spenddown computed for long-term care is not applicable to QMB

or SLMB coverage.

~~(b)~~(c) ~~**Medicaid recovery.**~~ The State of Oklahoma operates a Medicaid ~~Recovery~~ program to recover cost for services identified in OAC 317:35-9-15. ~~Recovery can be accomplished in two ways: liens against real property or claims made against estates.~~

SUBCHAPTER 17. ADVANTAGE WAIVER SERVICES

317:35-17-3. ADvantage program services

(a) The ADvantage program is a Medicaid Home and Community-Based waiver used to finance non-institutional, long-term care services for the elderly and a targeted group of physically disabled adults when there is a reasonable expectation that within a thirty (30) calendar day period, the person's health, due to disease process or disability, would without appropriate services, deteriorate and require long-term care (LTC) facility care to arrest the deterioration. Individuals may not be enrolled in ADvantage for the sole purpose of enabling them to obtain Medicaid eligibility. Eligibility for ADvantage program services is contingent on an individual requiring one (1) or more of the services offered in the waiver, at least monthly, to avoid institutionalization.

(b) The number of individuals who may receive ADvantage services is limited.

(1) To receive ADvantage program services, individuals must meet one of the categories in (A) through ~~(D)~~(C) of this paragraph. He or she must:

(A) Be sixty-five (65) years of age or older; or

(B) Be nineteen (19) to sixty-four (64) years of age with a physical disability; or

(C) Be nineteen (19) to sixty-four (64) years of age with a developmental disability, provided he or she does not have ~~a~~an intellectual disability or cognitive impairment ~~(intellectual disability); or~~related to the developmental disability.

~~(D) Be nineteen (19) to sixty-four (64) years of age with a clinically documented, progressive, degenerative disease process that responds to treatment and previously required hospital or LTC facility level of care services to maintain the treatment regimen to prevent health deterioration.~~

(2) In addition, the individual must meet criteria in (A) through (C) of this paragraph. He or she must:

(A) Require long-term care facility level of care, per Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 317:35-17-2;

(B) Meet service eligibility criteria, per OAC 317:35-17-3(f); and

(C) Meet program eligibility criteria, per OAC 317:35-17-3(g).

(c) ADvantage members are eligible for limited types of living arrangements. The specific living arrangements are set forth in (1) through (5) of this subsection.

(1) ADvantage program members are not eligible to receive services while residing in an unlicensed institutional living arrangement, such as a room and board home or facility; an institutional setting including, but not limited to, licensed facilities, such as a hospital, a LTC facility, licensed residential care facility, or licensed assisted living facility, unless the facility is an ADvantage assisted living center.

(2) Additional living arrangements in which members may receive ADvantage services are the member's own home, apartment, or independent-living apartment, or a family or friend's home or apartment. A home or apartment unit is defined as a self-contained living space having a lockable entrance to the unit and including a bathroom, food storage and preparation amenities in addition to the bedroom or living space.

(3) ADvantage program members may receive services in a shelter or similar temporary-housing arrangement that may or may not meet the definition of home or apartment in emergency situations, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days during which location and transition to permanent housing is sought.

(4) For ADvantage members who are full-time students, a dormitory room qualifies as an allowable living arrangement in which to receive ADvantage services while the member is a student.

(5) Members may receive ADvantage respite services in an LTC facility for a continuous period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days.

(d) Home and Community-Based waiver services are outside of the scope of Medicaid State Plan services. The Medicaid waiver allows the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to offer certain Home and Community-Based services to an annually capped number of persons, who are categorically needy, per Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS) Appendix C-1, Schedule VIII. B. 1., and without such services would be institutionalized. The estimated cost of providing an individual's care outside of the LTC facility cannot exceed the annual cost of caring for that individual in a LTC facility. When determining the ADvantage service plan cost cap for an individual, the comparable Medicaid cost to serve that individual in a LTC facility is estimated.

(e) Services provided through the ADvantage waiver are:

(1) Case management;

(2) Respite;

(3) Adult day health care;

(4) Environmental modifications;

(5) Specialized medical equipment and supplies;

(6) Physical, occupational, or speech therapy or consultation;

(7) Advanced supportive and/or restorative assistance;

(8) Nursing;

(9) Skilled nursing;

(10) Home-delivered meals;

~~(11) Hospice care;~~

~~(12)~~(11) Medically necessary prescription drugs, within the limits of the ADvantage waiver;

~~(13)~~(12) Personal care, State Plan, or ADvantage personal care;

~~(14)~~(13) A Personal Emergency Response System (PERS);

~~(15)~~(14) Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Services and Supports ~~(CD-PASS)~~(CDPASS);

~~(16)~~(15) Institution Transition Services (Transitional Case Management);

~~(17)~~(16) Assisted living;

~~(18)~~(17) Remote Supports;

~~(19)~~(18) Assistive technology; and

~~(20)~~(19) SoonerCare medical services for individuals, ~~twenty-one (21)~~nineteen (19) years of age and over, within the State Plan scope.

(f) The OKDHS area nurse or nurse designee determines service eligibility prior to evaluating the Uniform Comprehensive Assessment Tool (UCAT) assessment for long-term care facility level of care. The criteria in (1) through (5) of this subsection are used to make the service eligibility determination, which includes:

(1) An open ADvantage program waiver slot, as authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), is available to ensure federal participation in payment for services

to the individual. When Oklahoma Human Services Community Living, Aging and Protective Services (CAP) determines all slots are filled, the individual cannot be certified as eligible for ADvantage services, and his or her name is placed on a waiting list for entry when an open slot becomes available.

(2) The ADvantage waiver-targeted service groups are individuals, who:

(A) Are frail and sixty-five (65) years of age and older; or

(B) Are nineteen(19) to sixty-four (64) years of age and physically disabled; or

(C) When developmentally disabled and nineteen (19) to sixty-four (64) years of age ~~and~~ do not have an intellectual disability or cognitive impairment related to the developmental disability~~; or~~.

~~(D) Are nineteen (19) to sixty-four (64) years of age and not physically disabled but have a clinically documented, progressive, degenerative disease process that responds to treatment and previously required hospital or long-term care facility level of care services to maintain the treatment regimen to prevent health deterioration. The individual must meet criteria, per OAC 317:35-17-3(b)(2)(A) through (C).~~

(3) An individual is ineligible when posing a physical threat to self or others, as supported by professional documentation.

(4) An individual is ineligible when members of the household or persons who routinely visit the household pose a threat of harm or injury to the individual or other household visitors, as supported by professional documentation.

(5) An individual is ineligible when his or her living environment poses a physical threat to self or others, as supported by professional documentation where applicable, and measures to correct hazardous conditions or assist the individual to move are unsuccessful or not feasible.

(g) The State, as part of the ADvantage waiver program approval process, ensures CMS that each member's health, safety, or welfare can be maintained in his or her home. When a member's identified needs cannot be met through provision of the ADvantage program or Medicaid State Plan services and other formal or informal services are not in place or immediately available to meet those needs, the individual's health, safety, or welfare in his or her home cannot be ensured. The ADvantage Administration (AA) determines ADvantage program eligibility through the service plan approval process. An individual is deemed ineligible for the ADvantage program based on criteria (1) through (8) of this subsection.

(1) The individual's needs, as identified by the UCAT and other professional assessments, cannot be met through ADvantage program services, Medicaid State Plan services, or other formal or informal services.

(2) One (1) or more members of the individual's household pose a physical threat to themselves, or others as supported by professional documentation.

(3) The individual or other household members use threatening, intimidating, degrading, or use sexually inappropriate language or innuendo or behavior towards service providers, in the home or through other contact or communications, and significant efforts were attempted to correct such behavior, as supported by professional documentation or other credible documentation.

(4) The individual, or the individual's authorized agent, is uncooperative or refuses to participate in service development or service delivery and these actions result in unacceptable increases of risk to the individual's health, safety, or welfare in his or her home, as determined by the individual, the interdisciplinary team, or the AA.

(5) The individual's living environment poses a physical threat to self or others, as supported

by professional documentation, and measures to correct hazardous conditions or assist the person to move are unsuccessful or are not feasible.

(6) The individual provides false or materially inaccurate information necessary to determine program eligibility or withholds information necessary to determine program eligibility.

(7) The individual does not require at least one ADvantage service monthly.

(8) The individual, his or her family member(s), associate(s), or any other person(s) or circumstances as relates to care and coordination in the living environment produces evidence of illegal drug activity or substances used illegally as intoxicants. This includes:

(A) The use, possession, or distribution of illegal drugs;

(B) The abusive use of other drugs, such as medication prescribed by a doctor;

(C) The use of substances, such as inhalants including, but not limited to:

(i) Typewriter correction fluid;

(ii) Air conditioning coolant;

(iii) Gasoline;

(iv) Propane;

(v) Felt-tip markers;

(vi) Spray paint;

(vii) Air freshener;

(viii) Butane;

(ix) Cooking spray;

(x) Paint; and

(xi) Glue;

(D) The observed intoxication, consumption, or sensory indicators, such as smell of the use of any drug or intoxicant by the individual, family members, associates, or any other person(s) present at the time care is provided may be construed as evidence indicative of illegal drug activity or intoxication. This includes drug use or intoxicated activity that is menacing to the member or staff providing services;

(E) The observance of drug paraphernalia or any instrument used in the manufacturing, production, distribution, sale, or consumption of drugs or substances including, but not limited to:

(i) Smoking pipes used to consume substances other than tobacco;

(ii) Roach clips containing marijuana cigarettes;

(iii) Needles and other implements used for injecting drugs into the body;

(iv) Plastic bags or other containers used to package drugs;

(v) Miniature spoons used to prepare drugs; or

(vi) Kits used in the production of synthetic controlled substances including descriptive materials that accompany the item, describing or depicting its use.

(F) Instructions, verbal or written, concerning the item or device including, but not limited to, the manner in which the object is labeled and displayed for sale;

(G) The typical use of such items in the community; or

(H) Testimony of an expert witness regarding use of the item.

(h) The case manager provides the AA with professional documentation or other credible documentation to support the recommendation for redetermination of program eligibility. The service providers continue providing services according to the person-centered service plan as provider safety permits until the individual is removed from the ADvantage program. As a part of the procedures requesting redetermination of program eligibility, CAP provides technical

assistance to the provider for transitioning the individual to other services.
(i) Individuals determined ineligible for ADvantage program services are notified in writing by CAP of the determination and of their right to appeal the decision.

317:35-17-4. Application for ADvantage services

(a) **Application procedures for ADvantage services**. If waiver slots are available, the application process initiates when an online application is completed for ADvantage services. A written financial application is not required for an individual who has an active Medicaid case. A financial application for ADvantage services consists of the Medical Assistance Application form. The form is signed by the applicant, parent, spouse, guardian, or someone else acting on the applicant's behalf.

(1) All conditions of financial eligibility must be verified and documented in the case record. When current information already available in the local office establishes financial eligibility, such information may be used by recording source and date of information. If the applicant also wishes to apply for a State Supplemental Payment, either the applicant or his/her guardian must sign the application form.

(2) When Medicaid application is being made, an assessment of resources must be completed. For applicants of the ADvantage waiver, those resources owned by the couple the month the application was made determines the spousal share of resources.

(3) When an application is received from an individual residing in a nursing facility, the applicant is referred to the ~~Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA)~~ Living Choice program ~~as the appropriate entity~~ to assist individuals from nursing facility care.

(A) If ~~OHCA~~ Living Choice determines the applicant is ineligible for services due to the inability to assure health and welfare in a community setting, the individual is also ineligible for ADvantage waiver services.

(B) If ~~OHCA~~ Living Choice determines the applicant does not meet Living Choice eligibility criteria for reasons unrelated to health and welfare, the individual is eligible for the ADvantage waiver if medically and financially approved.

(b) **Date of application**.

(1) The date of application is:

(A) the date the applicant or someone acting in his/her behalf signs the application in the county office; or

(B) the date the application is stamped into the county office when the application is initiated outside the county office; or

(C) the date when the request for Medicaid is made orally and the financial application form is signed later. The date of the oral request is entered in "red" above the date the form is signed.

(2) An exception is when OKDHS has contracts with certain providers to take applications and obtain documentation. After the documentation is obtained, the contracted provider forwards the application and documentation to the OKDHS county office of the applicant's county of residence for Medicaid eligibility determination. The application date is the date the applicant signed the application form for the provider.

(c) **ADvantage ~~waiting list procedures~~capacity.** ADvantage Program "available capacity" is the number of members that may be enrolled in the Program without exceeding, on an annualized basis, the maximum number authorized by the waiver to be served in the waiver year. ~~Upon notification from the AA that 90% of the available capacity has been exceeded,~~

~~OKDHS Community Living, Aging and Protective Services notifies OKDHS county offices and contract agencies approved to complete the UCAT that, until further notice, requests for ADvantage services are not to be processed as applications but referred to AA to be placed on a waiting list of requests for ADvantage services. As available capacity permits, but remaining in compliance with waiver limits of maximum capacity, and until an increase in ADvantage available capacity occurs, the AA selects in chronological order (first on, first off) requests for ADvantage from the waiting list to forward to the appropriate OKDHS county office for processing the application. When the waiver capacity exceeds the number on the waiting list and after all persons on the waiting list have been processed, waiting list procedures are suspended.~~ Waitlist procedures are implemented when the maximum number authorized by the waiver to be served in the waiver year is met.