PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 440.386 and Section 447.205 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to provide public notice of its intent to submit a state plan amendment (SPA) to substantially modify the existing Adult Expansion Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP). The proposal was presented at the tribal consultations which took place at 11 AM on July 7, 2020, September 1, 2020, November 3, 2020, and January 5, 2021 via teleconference.

Adult Expansion ABP Service Delivery System Update; Effective: October 1, 2021, contingent upon CMS approval.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) seeks to add two additional types of service delivery systems to the Adult Expansion Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP) while utilizing the Adult Expansion ABP as the benefit array for adults, including the new adult group. Qualified managed care organizations (MCOs) are added to facilitate medical services and Prepaid Ambulatory Health Plans (PAHPs) are added to provide dental services via a dental benefit manager for adults. Additionally, the primary care case management (PCCM) service delivery system is added to the ABP as American Indian/Alaskan Native (AI/AN) members are a voluntary MCO/PAHP enrollment population that may choose not to opt-in to the MCO/PAHP service delivery system and receive services through the existing PCCM service delivery system. The transition to third party managed care will help to improve Oklahoma's health outcomes, increase access to health care, and foster a more accountable system to eligible and enrolled members of Oklahoma's Medicaid program, commonly known as SoonerCare. The Agency intends to submit the SPA to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on or before March 31, 2021.

This proposal is budget neutral.

Interested persons may visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notices to view a copy of the public notice(s) and visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes to view a copy of the proposed state plan amendment and a link to provide public comments on the proposal. 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 amendments 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. Written comments or requests for copies of the proposed state plan amendments will be accepted by contacting OHCA as indicated. Comments submitted through the OHCA policy blog will be available for review online at oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-andrules/proposed-changes. Other written comments are available upon request federal.authorities@okhca.org. Comments will be accepted from February 19 through March 21, 2021.

The Agency solicited input from Oklahoma's tribal representatives regarding the proposed changes herein in compliance with section 5006(e) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and in accordance with the Oklahoma State Plan tribal consultation policy. The Agency also assures that individuals under twenty-one (21) years of age, pursuant to EPSDT federal regulations, Section 440.345 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, may receive additional services if determined medically necessary.