

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 447.205 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in methods and standards for setting payment rates for services in Oklahoma Medicaid program. The following rate change and methodology will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan and agency rules. An Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribal/Urban Indian (ITU) Notice was sent to inform tribal partners on December 27, 2024. The proposed changes will be presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting January 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. via teleconference and will be heard at the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) hearing on March 11, 2025 at 1:00 PM and the OHCA Board meeting on March 26, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

Tracheostomy Rate for Standard Nursing Facilities, Effective date: January 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.

The OHCA will seek approval of a State Plan amendment to establish an add-on rate for regular nursing facilities serving high-acuity tracheostomy residents. Beginning January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, the add-on rate will be \$339.58 per patient day. Reimbursement is limited to the average standard rate paid to Nursing Facilities serving adults, plus an enhancement for Acute Tracheostomy residents. The add-on rate is the difference between the total cost per day for tracheostomy care and the average standard rate paid to nursing facilities serving adults. The total cost per day for acute tracheostomy care was determined using cost data provided by nursing facilities serving acute tracheostomy residents and is the sum of four components: direct care and allied staff costs, social and support staff costs, cost of drugs and medical supplies/rentals, and general and administrative costs.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2025 will be \$2,076,299 with \$664,623 in state share; for SFY2026 the estimated budget impact will be \$2,076,299, with \$664,623 in state share.

Interested persons may visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notice 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. 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, Policy and Program Management 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-and-rules/proposed-changes. Other written comments are available upon request at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Comments will be accepted from December 27, 2024, to January 11, 2025.