

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 440.386 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 modify the existing Adult Expansion Alternative Benefit Plan (ABP). The proposal was presented at the tribal consultations on September 3, 2024, via teleconference.

### **Adult Expansion ABP Benefits Update; Effective: January 1, 2025**

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) will seek approval of a State Plan amendment to expand hospice coverage. In accordance with House Bill 2980 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session, all Medicaid eligible members will be afforded hospice benefits so long as they meet the established criteria for hospice services and the services fall within the existing scope of their categorical eligibility. This will result in an amendment to the ABP section of the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan to move hospice coverage and payment methodologies from the ABP to the appropriate sections within the plan and remove language that restricts adult coverage to the expansion population. This will not result in a change to existing coverage or reimbursement criteria for ABP members.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2025 will be an increase in the total amount of \$20,277; with \$6,675.19 in state share; for SFY2026 an increase in the total amount of \$40,554; with \$13,350.38 in state share.

Interested persons may visit [oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notice](https://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](https://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, Federal Authorities Unit, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or by email at [federal.authorities@okhca.org](mailto: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](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes). Other written comments are available upon request at [federal.authorities@okhca.org](mailto:federal.authorities@okhca.org). Comments will be accepted from September 20, 2024, through October 22, 2024.

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 and 1905(r) of the Social Security Act, may receive additional services if determined medically necessary.