

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 447.205 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's Medicaid program. The following rate changes 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 August 23, 2024. The proposed changes will be presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on September 3, 2024, at 11:00 AM via teleconference. Then the rate change will be heard at the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) hearing on September 5, 2024 at 9:30 AM and the OHCA Board meeting on September 18, 2024, at 2:00 PM.

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA) Rate Increase, Effective date: September 1, 2024, contingent upon CMS approval.

The OHCA will seek approval of a State Plan amendment and rule revisions to increase rates for CRNAs practicing within scope of practice, in collaboration with a physician or dentist licensed in this state, to increase access to care and help alleviate workforce shortages. Reimbursement will be increased to 100% of the physician fee schedule, from the existing 80%. In situations when the CRNA is practicing under medical direction, reimbursement will remain consistent with established methodology within the Title XIX State Plan, which is 50% of the physician fee schedule.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2025 will be an increase in the total amount of \$6,642,110; with \$1,787,166 in state share; for SFY2026 an increase in the total amount of \$7,970,533; with \$2,144,560 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 August 23 through September 7, 2024.