

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 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 the Oklahoma's Medicaid program. The following rate changes will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan.

An Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribal/Urban Indian (ITU) Notice was sent to inform tribal partners on July 17, 2024. The proposed rate changes were presented at the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) on September 5, 2024 and the OHCA Board Meeting on September 17, 2024. The SPARC and Board meetings were held at the OHCA offices located at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, OK 73105 in the OHCA Board Room.

### **State Plan Personal Care Services and State Plan Skilled Nursing Assessment/Evaluation, Effective date: October 1, 2024, contingent upon CMS approval.**

The OHCA, on behalf of Oklahoma Human Services, proposes to increase the reimbursement rates for State Plan Personal Care (SPPC) services and State Plan Skilled Nursing Assessments/Evaluations as directed by Senate Bill 1137 of the 2024 Regular Legislative Session. These services are available to beneficiaries within the *ADvantage* and Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) 1915(c) Home and Community Based waiver programs.

The reimbursement rate for SPPC (T1019) will be increased by twenty-five percent (25%) from the existing rate of \$5.26 to \$6.58 per 15-minute unit. The reimbursement rate for State Plan Skilled Nursing Assessment/Evaluation services (T1001) will be increased by ten percent (10%) from \$97.50 to \$107.25 per unit.

The estimated budget impact for the remainder of SFY 2025 will be an increase in the total amount of \$2,861,448.01; with \$941,988.68 in state share. For SFY 2026, will be an increase in the total amount of \$3,815,264.01; with \$1,255,984.91 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, Policy & Program Management, 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 30 through October 15, 2024.