

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 SoonerCare program. An ITU notice was sent to inform tribal partners of this change on April 19, 2024. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on April 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM via teleconference.

Community Health Services, Effective date: January 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.

The proposed revisions are a request to add coverage and reimbursement for Community Health Services. These services are provided by a Community Health Worker (CHW) who work under the Public Health Clinic Services authority and must be ordered by a physician. Services include screening and assessments, health education/coaching, and health system navigation. Eligible providers must obtain a certificate of completion of a C3 core competency-based training offered by the Oklahoma State Department of Health or an affiliated local health department and work and bill under a licensed provider. Eligible members must have a diagnosis of a chronic condition, unmet health-related social need, received a screening, or be pregnant to receive services. This State Plan Amendment (SPA) establishes that payments for community health services are made in accordance with the established fee schedule rates described in Attachment 4.19-B, Page 3, Payment for physicians' services including remedial care and services.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2025 will be an increase in the total amount of \$130,704; with \$43,028 in state share; for SFY2026 an increase in the total amount of \$871,360; with \$285,980 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, 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-and-rules/proposed-changes. Other written comments are available upon request at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Comments will be accepted from November 5, 2024, through November 19, 2024.