

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 447.205, 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. The following rate changes will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan. Additionally, due to the proposed rate increases to long-term care facilities, the Miller Trust eligibility amount effective July 1, 2024, will increase from \$6,833 to \$7,445 per month. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on April 30, 2024 at 11:00 AM via teleconference and 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.

Nursing Facility Rate Rebasing, Effective date: July 1, 2024, contingent upon CMS approval.

Regular Nursing Facilities

The OHCA will seek approval of a State Plan amendment to increase rates and recalculate the quality of care (QOC) fee for regular nursing facilities. For the rate period beginning July 1, 2024, the base rate component will be \$158.78 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY2025 will be an increase in the total amount of \$87,371,108; with \$28,666,460 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 June 28 through July 13, 2024.