

## 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 November 5, 2024, via teleconference.

### **SoonerSelect Revision ABP Benefits Update; Effective: March 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.**

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) seeks to amend the Alternative Benefit Plan to clarify that members enrolled in SoonerPlan, Oklahoma's program for individuals eligible for family planning services in accordance with 42 CFR 435.214, are excluded from mandatory or voluntary enrollment in SoonerSelect, Oklahoma's 1915(b) Managed Care waiver. SoonerPlan members have received and will continue to receive their services on a Fee-for-Service basis. This amendment is a clerical clean-up.

Additional revisions align the ABP with the 1915(b) waiver by shortening the 60-day choice period. Upon application for the SoonerSelect Medical or Dental program, expansion adults will have thirty (30) days to select a medical and dental contracted entity (CE) prior to the start of coverage. Expansion adults who do not make an election within the allowed timeframe will be automatically assigned to a CE. This will not result in a change to existing coverage or reimbursement criteria for ABP members.

These changes are expected to be budget neutral.

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 beginning January 22, 2025, through February 6, 2025.

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.