

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 447.205 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 its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services. An Indian Health Services, Tribal, and Urban Indian (I/T/U) notice was sent to inform tribal partners of the proposed change on December 1, 2025.

Mental Health Transportation Rate Increase

OHCA, in partnership with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) will seek approval of a State Plan amendment to increase the reimbursement rate for secure mental health transportation as follows:

- For transport over 30 miles the rate will increase from \$160.00 per encounter plus \$2.85 per mile, to \$160 per encounter plus \$4.80 per mile.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2026 (7 months) will be an increase in the total amount of \$379,372; with \$127,203 in the state share. For SFY 2027, the increased total is estimated to be \$650,352 with \$221,055 in the state share. This proposed change will be heard before the OHCA State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) hearing on January 12, 2026 at 10:00 AM and the OHCA Board meeting on January 21, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

Effective date: December 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.

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 December 1, 2025, through December 15, 2025.

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