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Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 441.301, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to give public notice and receive public input on any significant proposed changes to the 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waivers.

ADvantage Waiver Renewal

Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS) is seeking to renew the *ADvantage* Waiver. The *ADvantage* Waiver serves individuals that meet financial eligibility, nursing facility level of care and be at least age 65, including individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or an adult with physical or other disabilities age 19 to 64 without an intellectual disability or cognitive impairment related to a developmental disability. Changes include:

- Oklahoma Human Services (OHS) has been updated to Oklahoma Human Services (OKDHS) throughout the document;
- Division of Aging Services has been updated to show name change to Community Living, Aging, and Protective Services (CAP);
- Former waiver management information system, ELDERS, removed;
- Service Specification Advanced- Supportive/Restorative Assistance (ASR) was updated;
- Administering prescribed bowel program and applying medicated prescription lotions/ointments and non-sterile dressings has been removed from the ASR/APSA allowed tasks;
- Using a gait belt and transfer board for Member transfers was added as appropriate ASR services;
- Licensed pharmacy was added as an acceptable entity to set up medications;
- Provider Specifications for Service- Observation “in a lab setting” was removed. Successful execution of the ASR task is observed during on-the-job training;
- Service Specification Nursing was updated. Administering prescribed bowel program was added as a Nursing service;
- The total lifetime cost of the Environmental Accessibility Modifications shall not exceed \$20,000 per Member was added;
- For reassessment, the annual service planning is initiated no sooner than 90 days before the existing service plan end date but sufficiently in advance of the end date to be received by the MSU at least 30 calendar days before the end date of the existing service plan;
- Projections for service utilization have been updated for the new 5-year waiver cycle;

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- Other changes include general clarification and formatting clean-up throughout the waiver document and are not intended to alter the meaning, intent, or effect of any existing provisions.

The above amendments will be effective upon approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), or October 1, 2026, whichever is earliest.

Please submit all comments by close of business June 17, 2026. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Long-Term Services and Supports Unit, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Attention: Health Policy 1915(c) Waivers.

To request a free hard copy of the waivers, please call 1-888-287-2443 or send your request to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Long-Term Services and Supports Unit, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Attention: Health Policy 1915(c) Waivers.