

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 August 22, 2025. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on September 2, 2025 at 11:00 AM in person and via teleconference.

Rapid Whole Genome Sequencing, Effective date: February 1, 2026, contingent upon CMS approval.

The proposed State Plan amendment establishes coverage and reimbursement for rapid whole genome sequencing. Testing will be covered for members who are under 21 years of age, have an unknown complex or acute illness, and are receiving intensive care unit hospital services. This coverage will include testing for genetic changes that may help identify the member's condition. Rapid whole genome sequencing will be excluded from the Per Discharge Prospective Rate for hospitals and will be reimbursed separately based on the Ambulatory Payment Classification fee schedule. Reimbursement for testing provided in an ITU facility will be included in the Inpatient Hospital Per Diem Rate.

Please see the table below for the CPT codes that will be opened for this service and the associated APC pricing.

CPT Code	APC Pricing
81425	\$4,475.18
81426	\$2,410.47

This State Plan amendment is anticipated to have a budget impact \$1,083,333 with \$368,242 in state share for SFY2026 (5 months). The estimated budget impact for SFY2027 is \$2,600,000 with \$867,880 in state share.

Interested persons may visit oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notices 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 January 16, 2026 through January 31, 2026.