

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 October 30, 2025. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on November 4, 2025 at 11:00 AM in person and via teleconference.

Lactation Consultant Revisions, Effective date: October 1, 2026, contingent upon CMS approval.

The proposed state plan amendment moves coverage of lactation consultant services from the other licensed practitioners benefit to the preventive services benefit. Currently, OHCA requires that lactation consultants be both an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC) and a registered nurse or registered dietitian. Moving this coverage to the preventive services benefit will allow OHCA to cover services rendered by lactation consultants who are only an IBCLC. This proposed change is expected to expand access to lactation consultant services. There is no change to reimbursement for lactation consultants.

This State Plan amendment is anticipated to be budget neutral.

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. Other written comments are available upon request at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Comments will be accepted from September 14, 2026 through September 29, 2026.