Ellen M. Buettner | Chief Executive Officer

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RE: Policy Revisions and Program Updates - Effective Sept. 1, 2024

Dear Provider.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) has implemented policy changes promulgated through the 2024 legislative session per the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act. All policy changes are effective Sept. 1, 2024, and are posted on the policy website. Summaries of the changes are listed below. If applicable, please forward this letter to your administrative, billing and compliance departments.

These rule changes were posted to the <u>OHCA Proposed Policy Changes</u> page from Dec. 1, 2023-Jan. 2, 2024, pursuant to the permanent rulemaking process. The Oklahoma legislature adjourned sine die on May 31, 2024, without passing a joint resolution approving or disapproving administrative rules. Therefore, the governor issued a declaration approving OHCA's permanent rules on June 21, 2024.

Effective Sept. 1, 2024:

Streamline Behavioral Health Workforce Credentialing

These policy revisions were approved by the board and signed by the governor as Permanent Rules. Rules were amended to incorporate Family Support Providers (FSPs) as certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists (PRSS), similar to other states. These changes created multiple career pathways through work experience and/or college credit to increase availability of case managers. Experience required was reduced for CM I and added alternative qualifications for CM II other than a college degree.

(Reference OAC 317:30-5-240.3, 317:30-5-241.5.)

OHCA encourages you to review each rule change in its entirety. If you have any questions regarding these rule changes, please call the OHCA provider helpline at 800-522-0114.

Thank you for the services you provide to SoonerCare members.









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Sincerely,

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