Ellen M. Buettner | Chief Executive Officer

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OHCA 2024-23

October 28, 2024

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 OHCA Proposed Policy Changes page from Dec. 1, 2023 through 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:

Hospital Services Policy

These revisions amended the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's hospital policy to reflect current business practices. Outdated language, definitions, and requirements were removed. Other revisions clarified existing criteria surrounding items including non-covered outlier payments by providers, how a member is considered inpatient versus outpatient, payment structures, etc. (Reference OAC 317:30-5-41, 317:30-5-47)

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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State Medicaid Director