



Ellen M. Buettner | Chief Executive Officer

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OHCA 2025-02

January 13, 2025

RE: Pre-Pay Diagnosis Related Group Payments

Dear Provider,

The SoonerSelect contracted entities (CEs) are required to administer medically necessary, covered services in a manner that is no more restrictive than what is required by OHCA in the SoonerCare fee-for-service program (see O.A.C. 317:55-3-10). CEs may request to implement alternative processes for administration of medically necessary, covered services under the SoonerSelect program. Requested alternatives are subject to OHCA review and approval.

Aetna Better Health of Oklahoma (ABHOK) recently requested permission to implement changes to improve the accuracy of DRG (Diagnosis Related Grouping) payments by making sure the patient's medical record supports the claim submission. All available information on a file will be reviewed to validate the billed and/or derived DRG by clinically reviewing all billed diagnosis and procedure codes submitted on a claim. If the available information on file does not support the billed and/or derived DRG, Aetna Better Health will reimburse the claim using the DRG calculated upon review or deny the claim. Oklahoma state regulations will determine whether the claim is reimbursed at the calculated DRG rate or denied.

OHCA subject matter experts (SMEs) reviewed the proposed revisions and assessed appropriateness of the proposed practices. Complete details of the proposed changes including OHCA decisions can be found as an attachment to this letter. OHCA decisions were included in the OHCA's Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) agenda packet and presented to the MAC during the Jan, 9, 2025, meeting.

The approved changes are effective for the Aetna Better Health of Oklahoma SoonerSelect plan for dates of service on or after **April 1, 2025**.

If you have any questions or comments about the implementation of this request to change service provisions, please contact ABHOK at 1-844-365-4385 or online at aetnabetterhealth.com/oklahoma/providers.



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Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare and SoonerSelect members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Traylor Rains". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "T" and a long, sweeping flourish at the end.

Traylor Rains
State Medicaid Director