Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to highlight the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) current payment policy from CMS SHO#16-002 for services received by American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Medicaid beneficiaries through the Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribal Facility (TF). Authorized services provided by a non-IHS/Tribal Medicaid provider to an AI/AN Medicaid beneficiary in the form of an electronic referral from an IHS/TF, may now be eligible for the enhanced federal matching rate of 100 percent (FMAP), provided that certain conditions are met. In addition, the Oklahoma legislature enacted OK SB 434 and codified Title 63 Section 5061.1 to create the I/T/U Shared Savings Program. These two items work jointly to maximize health care and reinvest savings to the State and participating IHS/TF.

The Care Coordination Agreement (CCA) that is executed between the IHS/TF and the non-IHS/Tribal provider must include or express these four points:

1. The IHS/TF practitioner providing a request for specific services (by electronic or other verifiable means) and relevant information about his or her patient to the non-IHS/Tribal provider.
2. The non-IHS/Tribal provider sending information about the care it provides to the patient, including the results of any screening, diagnostic or treatment procedures, to the IHS/TF practitioner.
3. The IHS/TF practitioner continuing to assume responsibility for the patient’s care by assessing the information and taking appropriate action, including, when necessary, furnishing or requesting additional services.
4. The IHS/TF incorporating the patient’s information in the medical record through the Health Information Exchange (HIE) or other agreed-upon means.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is aware that CCAs executed between IHS/TF and non-IHS/Tribal providers before CMS released its updated payment policy may not contain all the above and IHS/TF have asked OHCA for a template addendum. The CCA Addendum can be found at oklahoma.gov/ohca/tribal-relations.

Sincerely,

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