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I/T/U Public Notice 2023-05

June 23, 2023

RE: Oklahoma Health Care Authority Proposed Rule, State Plan and Waiver Amendments

Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of proposed changes that will be reviewed at the tribal consultation meeting on **July 5th, 2023, at 11 a.m.** OHCA invites you to attend this meeting via webinar, and we welcome any comments regarding the proposed changes. The agency is committed to active communication with tribal governments during the decision-making and priority-setting process to keep you apprised of all proposed changes.

Enclosed are summaries of the current proposed rules, state plan and waiver amendments for your review. The summaries describe the purpose of each change.

Please note that these are only proposed changes and have not yet taken effect. Before implementation, proposed changes must obtain budget authorization and approval by the OHCA board, and when applicable, federal and governor approval must be obtained.

Additionally, OHCA posts all proposed changes on the agency's [Policy Change Blog](#) and the [Native American Consultation Page](#). These public website pages are designed to give all constituents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and make comments regarding upcoming policy changes. To ensure that you stay informed of proposed policy changes, you may sign up for web alerts to be automatically notified when any new proposed policy changes are posted for comment.

OHCA values consultation with tribal governments and will provide your representatives a reasonable amount of time to respond to this notification. If you have any questions or comments about the proposed policy changes, please use the online comment system found on the [Policy Change Blog](#) and/or the [Native American Consultation Page](#).

Sincerely,

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Proposed Rule, State Plan, and Waiver Amendments

POLICY UPDATES:

To further the agency's commitment to meaningful consultation with Tribal partners, all proposed policy revisions will be provided at the start of the consultation when they are available. An I/T/U public notice advised of the below proposed rule, state plan, and waiver revisions will be issued at least 60 days prior to their submission, but no less than 14 days (limited to abnormal circumstances). The agency strives to keep Tribal partners abreast of any exigent circumstances that may arise and cause timeframes to be updated or shortened.

In addition, the agency's website houses a policy changes blog that is dedicated to Native American Consultation. This [blog page](#) allows for comments/questions from providers and members to be submitted to the Agency and become part of the official record. All comments received are considered during the policy making process. The policy updates that are presented during this Tribal Consultation meeting will be officially posted for I/T/U provider and member review during the consultation period. To ensure that you stay informed of proposed policy changes, please sign up for the [web alert](#) option. These alerts will be sent out to all subscribers whenever any new proposed policy changes are posted for public comment.

- **Continuous Eligibility for Children on SoonerCare** — Oklahoma will adopt 12-months continuous eligibility for children's Medicaid and CHIP, effective January 1, 2024, in compliance with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023.

Tribal Impact: AI/AN members under 19 years of age will have 12-months continuous eligibility.

Proposed Timeline:

60-day Tribal consultation period: July 5, 2023 to September 3, 2023

Public comment period: July 5, 2023 to August 4, 2023

Medical Advisory Committee: September 7, 2023

Board meeting: September 20, 2023

Effective date: January 1, 2024

- **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Title XXI Health Service Initiative (HSI)** — The State is seeking to add a new health service initiative to the CHIP Title XXI State Plan to support the Oklahoma Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Access Program (OKCAPMAP). The OKCAPMAP health service initiative aims to minimize barriers in accessing mental health care services for patients by maximizing the number of primary care providers in Oklahoma receiving support for pediatric psychiatric and mental health care needs. The HSI would provide SoonerCare primary care providers with education and training, peer-to-peer consultation, and support with referrals to



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other mental health professionals and community resources to assist their pediatric patients and their families.

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Tribal Impact: ITU primary care providers can participate in the program.

Proposed Timeline:

60-day Tribal Consultation Period: July 5, 2023 to September 3, 2023

Public Comment Period: August 4, 2023 – September 3, 2023

Requested Effective Date: October 1, 2023

- **Statewide Health Information Exchange (HIE)** — Oklahoma Senate Bill 1369 made changes to the Statewide HIE during the 2022 legislative session; associated rule changes to comply with SB 1369 were previously presented during the September 6, 2022 Tribal Consultation. Those proposed revisions were submitted to the Governor and Legislature on March 23, 2023 and were subsequently disapproved on June 23, 2023. The new proposed revisions were written in order to align the rules with feedback received from members, providers, and the Governor to allow the HIE Coordinator to grant exemptions from the HIE when requested by any provider.

Tribal Impact: TBD

Proposed Timeline:

14-day expedited Tribal consultation period: June 30, 2023 to July 14, 2023

Public comment period: June 30, 2023 to July 14, 2023

Special Medical Advisory Committee: TBD

Special Board meeting: TBD

Effective date: Upon Governor's approval



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