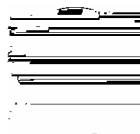


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STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA-MC-2003-01

December 18, 2002

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Re: *SoonerCare Plus* Program Changes on January 1, 2003

Dear *SoonerCare* Plus Member:

It is with much regret I must inform you of some changes in the *SoonerCare Plus* Program effective January 1, 2003. Our State is experiencing a revenue shortfall and OHCA must revise and balance its budget. As a result we have given the Health Plans greater leeway to control the cost of services that you receive. Below we have listed some examples of the types of services that may be controlled. This will likely mean fewer services to you than you now receive.

For **adults**, your health plan may:

- Limit your prescriptions to 3 per month. Some drugs will not count toward the limit if you have certain conditions such as HIV/AIDS;
- Limit specialty doctor office visits to 2 per month;
- Limit hospital days to 15 per year;
- Limit feeding supplements and some diabetic supplies;
- Limit home health visits by a nurse to 36 per year;
- Reduce other benefits such as hospice services, and respite services;
- End speech, physical or occupational therapy;
- End dental and vision services;
- End coverage of thirty (30) days of skilled nursing care.

One additional change is that we are allowing the Health Plans to charge certain co-payments regarding the care you receive from the plans. Those co-payments, that can be charged for services only to adults are:

- \$1 for each drug costing \$29.99 or less;
- \$2 for each drug costing \$30.00 or more;
- \$3 a day for Inpatient and Outpatient hospital services;
- \$1 per physician service;
- \$1 per home health care service.

We very much regret that we have to take this action but the law requires it. All of these changes will make the benefits you receive in the *Plus* program consistent with the rest of our Medicaid program. You will not receive any administrative review from the Plans or the Health Care Authority regarding the Plan changes as a result of this action. We sincerely hope that during 2003 we are able to reinstate these services that you now receive.

Your health plan may give you more information about benefit changes. We suggest you contact your Health Plan member services for specific questions concerning your services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Fogarty".

Mike Fogarty
Chief Executive Officer