



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2019-07

July 16, 2019

RE: Provider Contract Backdating – Effective August 1, 2019

Dear Provider,

Effective August 1, 2019, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) will no longer backdate provider contracts prior to the date that the provider was screened. The OHCA must screen, enroll, and periodically revalidate all providers. Pursuant to federal law, the OHCA must require all participating providers to be screened in accordance with the requirements of Subpart E of Part 455 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, titled "Provider Screening and Enrollment." See also Oklahoma Administrative Code § 317:30-3-19.4.

Per the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), it is incumbent upon the OHCA to mitigate the risk of improper payments while determining a provider's eligibility for enrollment, including the date upon which a provider is deemed eligible to service Medicaid participants. Under certain circumstances, if a provider is enrolled with Medicare, the OHCA may be able to rely on Medicare's revalidation or enrollment process to determine a retroactive billing eligibility date. Additionally, the OHCA may also, but is not required to, rely on the provider screening performed by another state's Medicaid program.

In an effort to reduce the risk of any improper payments, the OHCA will no longer allow enrollment with a retroactive billing eligibility date, except in those instances in which a provider has been screened and enrolled by Medicare and/or another state's Medicaid program.

If you have any questions, please contact Provider Enrollment at 1-800-522-0114, option 5.

Thank you for your continued service to our SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard".

Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard
Chief Executive Officer