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STATE OF OKLAHOMA OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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RE: Changes to the SoonerPlan Program

Dear SoonerPlan Member:

This letter is to let you know about changes to the SoonerPlan program starting August 31, 2011. Before, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) was able to offer this program because of a specific type of federal approval called a waiver. Now, OHCA is able to offer SoonerPlan without a waiver, under its general state plan. This means more birth control choices will be covered that were not covered before such as Essure and Implanon. Also, Gardasil shots will now be covered for both males and females through the age of 26.

SoonerPlan is still for family planning services and supplies only. The program covers office visits and lab work, including pap smears, necessary to get your birth control and birth control supplies. SoonerPlan covers testing for some sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The plan also covers tubals and vasectomies (sterilization) for members 21 and older. SoonerPlan will only pay for these services if you are seeking birth control services.

To be qualified for the SoonerPlan program, you must meet income guidelines. Members with other insurance can now apply and be enrolled into this program if they qualify.

To apply for SoonerPlan, you can enroll online at <u>mysoonercare.org</u>. Your local county OKDHS office and some Health Departments may also assist. Enrollment lasts for 12 months and you will have to renew your application yearly if you want to stay on SoonerPlan. If you have any questions about SoonerPlan, please call the SoonerCare Helpline at 1-800-987-7767 Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

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