

Waiver Projects Currently Undergoing Application, Renewal, or Amendment

[2018 SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma 1115\(a\) Demonstration Waiver Public Notice and Amended Application](#)

Purpose of this Webpage

In accordance with federal and state law, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority as the single state Medicaid agency, must notify the public of its intent to submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) any new 1115a demonstration waiver project or extension renewal or amendment to any previously approved demonstration waiver project. This is a comment period of a minimum of thirty (30) days. Additional comments may be made at the CMS website for an additional thirty (30) days (see the link below).

Public notices, including the description of the new 1115a Demonstration Waiver project or, extension renewal or amendment to an existing demonstration waiver project to be submitted to CMS, will be posted here along with links to the full public notice and the amendment document to be submitted to CMS.

The full public notice will include:

- The address, telephone number and internet address where copies of the new demonstration waiver project or extension or amendment document is available for public review and comment,
- The postal address where written comments can be sent,
- The minimum 30 day time period in which comments will be accepted,
- The locations, dates and times of at least two public hearings convened by the State to seek input, (at least one of the two required public hearings will use telephonic and/or Web conference capabilities to ensure statewide accessibility to the public hearing).
- and [Medicaid.gov 1115 Demonstrations](#) received by CMS during their 30-day public comment period after the amendment has been submitted to CMS.

Comments may be provided during scheduled public hearings or in writing during the public comment period. To submit comments, write to:

Oklahoma Health Care Authority
Federal and State Policy Division
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd,
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

The State will hold a Tribal Consultation and two public hearings during the public comment period.

SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma Waiver Amendment Public Hearing (see chart on page 4 for a complete list of public forums and targeted meetings)

If you need this material in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact the Communications Division at 405-522-7300

[SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma 1115 Demonstration Waiver Public Notice and Amended Application](#)

View or print the amended application to be submitted to CMS for SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma 1115 Demonstration Waiver (PDF, new window)

[1115\(a\) Demonstration Work/Community Requirement Waiver Amendment](#)

The Demonstration application may also be viewed from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM Monday through Friday at:

Oklahoma Health Care Authority
Federal and State Policy Division
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105
Contact: Bill Garrison

Public Notice

View or print public comments regarding SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma 1115 Demonstration Waiver amended application (PDF, new window)

1115(a) Demonstration Work/Community Engagement Requirement Amendment

- View comments that others have submitted (see link below).
[Policy Change Blog](#)
- Public comments may be submitted until midnight on Friday, September 3, 2018. Comments may be submitted by agency blog or by regular mail to:

Oklahoma Health Care Authority
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The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) as the single state Medicaid agency is providing public notice of its intent to submit to the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) a written request to amend the SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma 1115 Demonstration waiver and to hold public hearings to receive comments on the amendments to the Demonstration.

With this amendment request, OHCA seeks approval of the following modifications to the demonstration for the 2019-2021 extension period:

Beginning on or after February 1, 2019, the state will implement work/community engagement requirements for certain individuals related to Oklahoma Medicaid eligibility. As a condition of eligibility for Oklahoma SoonerCare benefits, applicants or existing members, not otherwise exempted, age 19-50 must provide verification of employment or community engagement in specified educational, job training or job search activities for at least 80 hours per month. SoonerCare members who fail to meet the work/community engagement requirements for three months during a plan year will be dis-enrolled from SoonerCare until requirements are met.

SoonerCare work/community engagement activities are modeled in accordance with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) currently operational in Oklahoma. Work/community engagement requirements for new or continued SoonerCare eligibility are set out below:

1. Working an average of twenty (20) hours or more per week, each month. The employment may be paid, in-kind, unpaid, or volunteer work; or
2. Participating in and complying with the requirements of a work program twenty (20) hours or more per week. The member may participate in 20 hours or more per week with the:
 - (a) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Program;
 - (b) The Trade Adjustment Assistance Program; or

- (c) The Employment and Training (E&T) Program. Job search or job search training activities, when offered as part of other E&T program components, are acceptable as long as those activities comprise less than half the total required time spent in the components ;or
3. Volunteering an average of twenty (20) hours or more per week, each month with religious or community organizations; or
 4. Meeting any combination of work, participating in work training or volunteering for an average of twenty (20) hours or more per week, each month,

Exemptions

Certain individuals may be exempted from the above requirements. For a complete list of individuals who are exempt from the SoonerCare work/community engagement requirements please refer to the [1115\(a\) Work/Community Engagement Waiver Amendment](#).

It is the intent of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority to submit the amendment no later than October 1, 2018 with an effective date of February 1, 2019. The initial budget impact for system modifications is estimated at \$700,000 total dollars with \$70,000 of the total being state share. However, additional dollars are anticipated for the administration of the program but an exact amount is unknown at this time.

The OHCA expects to conduct several public forums around the state during the months of July-September. As of this date, the agency has scheduled the below required public meetings. Information on additional public forums will be provided on the agency's public website as future dates and times are determined.

Date	Meeting	Sponsoring Organization	Location	Time	Speaking
7/11/2018	Tribal Consultation	OHCA	Charles Ed McFall Boardroom Oklahoma Health Care Authority 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK	11:00 AM	Sandra
7/19/2018	Medical Advisory Committee (Public Forum)	OHCA	Charles Ed McFall Boardroom Oklahoma Health Care Authority 4345 N.	1:00 PM	Ty

Date	Meeting	Sponsoring Organization	Location	Time	Speaking
			Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK		
8/2/2018	Leadership Meeting (Adult and Family Services) (Targeted Meeting)	OKDHS	2400 N. Lincoln Blvd. Sequoyah Building, 4 North Conference Room Oklahoma City, OK	1:00 PM	Ty
8/7/2018	Oklahoma Primary Care Association (Targeted Meeting)	Primary Care Association	6501 N. Broadway Extension Building 3, Suite 200 Oklahoma City, OK	2:00 PM	MaryAnn
8/10/2018	OU Sooner Health Access Network (Public Forum)	University of Oklahoma Tulsa	Tulsa Schusterman Center, 4502 E. 41st Street, Tulsa, OK	11:30 AM	Ty
8/13/2018	Oklahoma Family Network (Public Forum)	Oklahoma Family Network	Webcast	12:00 PM	Ty
8/16/2018	Comanche County Health Department (Targeted Meeting)	OHCA	1010 SW Sheridan Rd. Lawton, OK	3:00 PM	MaryAnn
8/17/2018	Norman – Porter Campus Regional (Public Forum)	OHCA	901 N. Porter Norman, OK Education Center, Rooms ABC	3:00 PM	MaryAnn
08/20/2018	Pawnee City Hall (Public Forum)	OHCA	Pawnee City Hall 510 Illinois St., Pawnee, OK	1:30 PM	MaryAnn
8/21/2018	Variety Care – Lafayette Clinic (Public Forum)	Variety Care – Lafayette Clinic	500 SW 44 th St., Oklahoma City, OK	1:30 PM	Ty

Date	Meeting	Sponsoring Organization	Location	Time	Speaking
8/23/2018	Northwestern Oklahoma State University (Public Forum)	OHCA	2929 E. Randolph Ave Room 131 Enid, OK	3:00 PM	MaryAnn
08/24/2018	Poteau Seminar Center (Public Forum)	OHCA	Kiamichi Technology - Poteau Campus 1509 S. McKenna Poteau, OK	2:00 PM	MaryAnn
8/24/2018	Conference Center Eastern Oklahoma State College (Public Forum)	OHCA	McAlester Campus 1802 College Ave. McAlester, OK	10:00 AM	MaryAnn
08/27/2018	James O. Goodwin Health Center (Public Forum)	OHCA	5051 S. 129 th E. Ave. Tulsa, OK	3:00 PM	MaryAnn
8/28/2018	Rural Roundtable (Targeted Meeting)	Rural Health Projects, Inc.	Northwest Technology Center, 1801 11th St., Alva, OK	11:30 AM	Becky
8/29/2018	Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) (Targeted Meeting)	OSDH	TBD	TBD	Ty
8/30/2018	The Oklahoma Turning Point Conference & Policy Day (Public Forum)	Oklahoma Turning Point Council	Moore Norman Technology Center South Penn Campus Oklahoma City, OK	11:00 AM To 12:00 PM	Bill

Date	Meeting	Sponsoring Organization	Location	Time	Speaking
TBD	Rep. Meloyde Blancett Oklahoma House of Rep. (Targeted Meeting)	OHCA	TBD	TBD	Becky and Ty
9/5/2018	Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OSDMHASS) (Targeted Meeting)	DMH	2000 N. Classen Blvd, suite E600, OKC, OK 73106	11:00 AM	Ty
9/5/2018	United Way (Targeted Meeting)	United Way	1444 NW 28th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73106	1:00 PM	Ty
9/11/2018	United Way Norman (Targeted Meeting)	United Way	2424 Springer Drive, Norman, OK	10:00 AM	MaryAnn
9/17/2018	Oklahoma Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics (OKAAP) Board (Targeted Meeting)	OKAAP	Charles Ed McFall Boardroom Oklahoma Health Care Authority	3:00 PM	Dr. Herndon
9/20/2018	Medical Advisory Committee (Public Forum)	OHCA	Charles Ed McFall Boardroom Oklahoma Health Care Authority 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK	1:00 PM	Ty

Date	Meeting	Sponsoring Organization	Location	Time	Speaking
9/22/18	Member Advisory Task Force (Public Forum)	MATF	Charles Ed McFall Boardroom Oklahoma Health Care Authority 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City, OK	10:00 AM	Ivorina
9/27/2018	Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OSDMHASS) (Targeted Meeting)	DMH	DMH	10:00 AM	Bill

The State is seeking the following changes to the waiver list.

Waiver List

1. *Freedom of Choice Section 1902(a) (23)(A)*

To enable the state to restrict beneficiaries' freedom of choice of care management providers and to use selective contracting that limits freedom of choice of certain provider groups to the extent that the selective contracting is consistent with beneficiary access to quality services. No waiver of freedom of choice is authorized for family planning providers.

2. *Retroactive Eligibility Section 1902(a)(34)*

To enable the state to waive retroactive eligibility for demonstration participants with the exception of Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) and Aged, Blind and Disabled populations.

3. *Work Requirement. Work, Work Training and Volunteerism as a condition of eligibility. Section 1902(a)(10)(A)*

To enable the State to require all individuals age 19 through 50 (except for excluded populations) to participate in established work or community engagement activities for Medicaid eligibility and to permit disenrollment and prohibit re-enrollment of individuals who do not meet the requirements.

Expenditure Authorities-The state is not seeking to change the expenditure authority.

Budget Neutrality-The state does not anticipate any significant changes to its budget neutrality for this amendment.