

Waiver Projects Currently Undergoing Application, Renewal, or Amendment

[1115\(a\) Waiver Projects Currently Undergoing Application and Amendment 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 1115(a) 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. Comments may also be made at the CMS website (Medicaid.gov) for an additional thirty (30) days.

Public notices, including the description of the new 1115(a) Demonstration Waiver project, extension renewal, or amendment to an existing demonstration waiver project to be submitted to CMS, will be posted on the Agency's website along with the amendment documents 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 Authorities Unit
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

Medical Advisory Committee
March 14, 2019
1:00 p.m.
Ed McFall Boardroom
Oklahoma Health Care Authority
4345 N. Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The Children's Health Group (TCHG) Quarterly Meeting
April 9, 2019
5:00 p.m.
OU Health Sciences Center Campus, Provost's Conference Room, #233
Bird Library
1105 N Stonewall Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73117
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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(a) Demonstration Waiver Public Notice and Amended Application

View and/or print the public notice for the waiver amendment to be submitted to CMS for the SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma 1115(a) Demonstration Waiver at:

[1115\(a\) Demonstration Health Access Network 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 Authorities Unit
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105
Contact: Kasie Wren

View and/or print the waiver amendment regarding SoonerCare Choice and Insure Oklahoma 1115(a) Demonstration Waiver at:

[1115\(a\) Demonstration Health Access Network Waiver Amendment](#)

- View and/or print comments that others have submitted at the Agency's [Policy Change Blog website.](#)

Public comments may be submitted until midnight on Wednesday, April 10, 2019. Comments may be submitted by agency blog or by regular mail to:

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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(a) Demonstration waiver and to hold public hearings to receive comments on the amendments to the Demonstration.

With this amendment request, the OHCA seeks approval of the following modifications to the demonstration for the 2018-2023 extension period:

Effective October 1, 2019, the waiver Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) will be updated for the Health Access Networks (HANs), contingent upon CMS approval. HANs are non-profit administrative entities that work with providers to coordinate and improve the quality of care for SoonerCare members.

The OHCA proposes to remove three paragraphs that are either duplicative or no longer applicable to HAN duties from STC 40. The paragraphs identified for removal are in relation to 1) ensuring access to all levels of care, 2) submitting a development plan, and 3) offering core components of electronic medical records, improved access to specialty care, telemedicine, and expanded quality improvement strategies.

OHCA proposes to continue the currently approved monitoring and evaluation components identified in the STCs. The hypotheses and measures provided in the current evaluation design remain applicable with the following corrections to STC 84, Evaluation of the HANs.

One correction will be to remove the word "pilot" from the reference to the program in the first paragraph. In addition, the subsequent paragraphs will be revised to reflect the evaluation design that the state has submitted to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) including the following:

- a. Impact on costs: The implementation and expansion of the HANs will reduce costs associated with the provision of health care services to SoonerCare beneficiaries served by the HANs;
- b. Impact on access to care: The implementation and expansion of the HANs will improve access to and the availability of health care services to SoonerCare beneficiaries served by the HANs;
- c. Impact on quality and coordination: The implementation and expansion of the HANs will improve the quality and coordination of health care services to SoonerCare beneficiaries served by the HANs, with specific focus on the populations at greatest risk, including those with multiple chronic illnesses; and
- d. Impact on the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) program: The implementation and expansion of the HANs will enhance the State's PCMH program through an evaluation of primary care physician (PCP) profiles that incorporates a review of utilization, disease guideline compliance, and cost.

Waiver List - The state is not seeking to change the waiver list.

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

Budget Neutrality - Amending the language will not have any effect on budget neutrality for the 1115(a) demonstration waiver. The state proposes a modest increase in funding for HAN. Calendar Year 2020 is projected with an additional \$3 million in expenditures, and successive years are increased by 2.8 percent for growth and utilization as in the currently approved waiver.