

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to C.F.R. § 447.205, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in methods and standards for setting payment rates for services in the SoonerCare program. The following payment changes will necessitate amendments to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan.

### **Supplemental Hospital Offset Payment Program**

The OHCA proposes a change to the method for calculating the hospital specific cost-to-charge ratio to align with the method recommended by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS.) Additional changes to the state plan include clarification of trending as used in the calculation and other language updates. The proposed changes will be effective on or after January 1, 2017, pursuant to compliance with public notice requirements and applicable federal approval. The estimated total budget impact for the proposed State Plan Amendment to the Supplemental Hospital Offset Payment Program is a total savings for Federal Fiscal Year 2017 of \$26,060,366, with state share \$10,439,782.

### **DRG Relative Weights**

Revisions will be made to the relative weights payment methodology state plan pages to remove outdated information such as ICD procedure codes and specific software utilized to compute relative weights. Additional changes to the state plan include clarifications that hospital bed size is considered big when greater than 300 beds and small when less than or equal to 300 beds, and that adjusted managed care encounter data for hospital fee-for-service claims is compiled/updated annually in relation to relative weights payment computation. The proposed changes will be effective October 1, 2016, pursuant to compliance with public notice requirements and applicable federal approval. The estimated total budget impact for State Plan Amendment to the DRG Relative Weights payment methodology is that it will be budget neutral, with neither an increase or decrease in payments to providers.

Copies of the proposed State Plan Amendment documents are available for public review at the OHCA by contacting Melinda Thomason at the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, Oklahoma, 73105, Telephone 405-522-7125. She will link callers with local agencies in each county where copies of the proposed changes are available for public review. Written and oral comments will be accepted during regular business hours by contacting Ms. Thomason as indicated. Comments submitted will be available for review by the public Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at OHCA at the above address.