

Oklahoma Health Care Authority

It is very important that you provide your comments regarding the proposed rule change by the comment due date. Comments are directed to the [Oklahoma Health Care Authority \(OHCA\) Proposed Changes Blog](#).

OHCA COMMENT DUE DATE: January 15, 2017

The proposed policy was submitted to the Medical Advisory Committee on September 15, 2016 as an emergency policy change. The proposed policy was presented for Tribal Consultation on September 6, 2016. The proposed permanent rule change is scheduled to be presented the OHCA Board of Directors on February 9, 2017.

Reference: APA WF 16-12

SUMMARY:

Medical residents' licensure requirements, Obstetrical reimbursement, molecular pathology changes and language clean up- Proposed General Coverage policy is revised to clarify licensing provisions and contracting requirements for medical residents, and clarify direct physician care visit limits. In addition, revisions clarify medical necessity criteria for molecular pathology services and the appropriate provider types that are allowed to order testing. Lastly, revisions reinstate the use of the global CPT codes for obstetrical reimbursement.

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board; The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Act, Section 5003 through 5016 of Title 63 of Oklahoma Statutes; 42 CFR 455.410; OAC 435:10-11-3.1; Section 1902 of Social Security Act; 42 CFR 435.116; 42 CFR 440.50; 42 CFR 440.60

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

STATE OF OKLAHOMA OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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SUBJECT: Rule Impact Statement
APA WF #16-12

A. Brief description of the purpose of the rule:

Proposed revisions to General Coverage policy clarify licensing provisions and contracting requirements for medical residents and clarify direct physician care visit limits. Proposed revisions also remove language specific to non-licensed physicians in a training program. The revisions for medical licensure requirements are necessary to comply with federal regulations that require all ordering or referring physicians be enrolled as participating providers.

Rules regarding reimbursement for obstetrical care are amended to reinstate the use of the global CPT codes for routine obstetrical care billing. The reinstatement of the global reimbursement is necessary to prevent an unintended administrative burden to providers.

The proposed revisions regarding direct physician care visit limits clarify that SoonerCare Choice members are exempt from primary care office visits limits. This proposed revision is necessary to comply with current Waiver parameters and to ensure the access to care for Choice members is not impacted.

The aforementioned changes were approved during promulgation of the emergency rule. The following are proposed changes not previously reviewed. The proposed revisions to General Coverage policy clarify medical necessity requirements for molecular pathology services and the appropriate provider types that are allowed to order testing. The current rules outline requirements for genetic testing and proposed amendments clarify that these rules apply to all molecular pathology services. Molecular pathology and genetic testing are terms that are often used interchangeably, although molecular pathology can include a broader array of laboratory services.

- B. A description of the classes of persons who most likely will be affected by the proposed rule, including classes that will bear the cost of the proposed rule, and any information on cost impacts received by the agency from any private or public entities:

Medical residents will be affected by the proposed rule as they will have to contract directly with the OHCA; otherwise, services rendered by medical residents in an outpatient academic setting will not be reimbursed.

Providers performing molecular pathology tests may be impacted by this change in policy as some would need to change their billing practices to be in compliance.

- C. A description of the classes of persons who will benefit from the proposed rule:

General obstetrical providers and MFM doctors will benefit from the proposed rule as they will continue to utilize the global CPT codes without any disruption to their current method of billing.

- D. A description of the probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon the affected classes of persons or political subdivisions, including a listing of all fee changes and, whenever possible, a separate justification for each fee change:

There is no probable economic impact of the proposed rule upon the affected classes of persons or political subdivisions. There are no fee changes associated with this rule change.

- E. The probable costs and benefits to the agency and to any other agency of the implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, the source of revenue to be used for implementation and enforcement of the proposed rule, and any anticipated effect on state revenues, including a projected net loss or gain in such revenues if it can be projected by the agency:

The proposed rules requiring medical residents to contract directly with OHCA and the reinstatement of the global CPT codes are budget neutral.

Limiting molecular pathology services to one code per one test will result in savings to the agency which has been identified in WF #16-26.

- F. A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an economic impact on any political subdivisions or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule:

The proposed rule will not have an economic impact on any political subdivision or require their cooperation in implementing or enforcing the rule as this proposed rule change will only affect contracted SoonerCare providers.

- G. A determination of whether implementation of the proposed rule will have an adverse effect on small business as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act:

The proposed rule will not have an adverse effect on small businesses as provided by the Oklahoma Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

- H. An explanation of the measures the agency has taken to minimize compliance costs and a determination of whether there are less costly or non-regulatory methods or less intrusive methods for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule:

The agency has taken measures to determine that there is no less costly or non-regulatory method or less intrusive method for achieving the purpose of the proposed rule.

- I. A determination of the effect of the proposed rule on the public health, safety and environment and, if the proposed rule is designed to reduce significant risks to the public health, safety and environment, an explanation of the nature of the risk and to what extent the proposed rule will reduce the risk:

The proposed rule should have no effect on the public health, safety, and environment.

- J. A determination of any detrimental effect on the public health, safety and environment if the proposed rule is not implemented:

Without the rule change reinstating the use of the obstetrical CPT codes, Obstetrical providers may discontinue services to SoonerCare members. This would result in a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of our women and the unborn child.

- K. The date the rule impact statement was prepared and if modified, the date modified:

The rule impact statement was prepared October 17, 2016.
This rule impact statement was modified November 7, 2016.

**TITLE 317. OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
CHAPTER 30. MEDICAL PROVIDERS-FEE FOR SERVICE**

SUBCHAPTER 5. INDIVIDUAL PROVIDERS AND SPECIALTIES

PART 1. PHYSICIANS

317:30-5-2. General coverage by category

(a) **Adults.** Payment for adults is made to physicians for medical and surgical services within the scope of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) SoonerCare program, provided the services are reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury, or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member. Coverage of certain services must be based on a determination made by the OHCA's medical consultant in individual circumstances.

(1) Coverage includes the following medically necessary services:

(A) Inpatient hospital visits for all SoonerCare covered stays. All inpatient services are subject to post-payment

review by the OHCA, or its designated agent.

(B) Inpatient psychotherapy by a physician.

(C) Inpatient psychological testing by a physician.

(D) One inpatient visit per day, per physician.

(E) Certain surgical procedures performed in a Medicare certified free-standing ambulatory surgery center (ASC) or a Medicare certified hospital that offers outpatient surgical services.

(F) Therapeutic radiology or chemotherapy on an outpatient basis without limitation to the number of treatments per month for members with proven malignancies.

~~(G) Direct physician services on an outpatient basis. A maximum of four visits are allowed per month per member in office or home regardless of the number of physician s providing treatment. Additional visits per month are allowed for those services related to emergency medical conditions and for services in connection with Family Planning. SoonerCare Choice members are exempt from the four visits per month limitation.~~

(G) Physician services on an outpatient basis include:

(i) A maximum of four primary care visits per member per month, with the exception of SoonerCare Choice members, or

(ii) A maximum of four specialty visits per member per month.

(iii) Additional visits are allowed per month for treatment related to emergency medical conditions and Family Planning services.

(H) Direct physician services in a nursing facility for those members residing in a long-term care facility. A maximum of two nursing facility visits per month are allowed. To receive payment for a second nursing facility visit in a month denied by Medicare for a Medicare/SoonerCare member, attach the EOMB from Medicare showing denial and mark "carrier denied coverage".

(I) Diagnostic x-ray and laboratory services.

(J) Mammography screening and additional follow-up mammograms as per current guidelines.

(K) Obstetrical care.

(L) Pacemakers and prostheses inserted during the course of a surgical procedure.

(M) Prior authorized examinations for the purpose of determining medical eligibility for programs administered by OHCA. A copy of the authorization, OKDHS form 08MA016E, Authorization for Examination and Billing, must accompany the claim.

(N) If a physician renders direct care to a member on the same day as a dialysis treatment, payment is allowed for a separately identifiable service unrelated to the dialysis.

(O) Family planning includes sterilization procedures for legally competent members 21 years of age and over who

voluntarily request such a procedure and execute the federally mandated consent form with his/her physician. A copy of the consent form must be attached to the claim form. Separate payment is allowed for the insertion and/or implantation of contraceptive devices during an office visit. Certain family planning products may be obtained through the Vendor Drug Program. Reversal of sterilization procedures for the purposes of conception is not allowed. Reversal of sterilization procedures are allowed when medically indicated and substantiating documentation is attached to the claim.

(P) Genetic counseling.

(Q) Laboratory testing.

(R) Payment for ultrasounds for pregnant women as specified in OAC 317:30-5-22.

(S) Payment to the attending physician in a teaching medical facility for compensable services when the physician signs as claimant and renders personal and identifiable services to the member in conformity with federal regulations.

(T) Payment to the attending physician for the services of a currently Oklahoma licensed physician in training when the following conditions are met-;

(i) Attending physician performs chart review and signs off on the billed encounter;

(ii) Attending physician is present in the clinic/or hospital setting and available for consultation; and

(iii) Documentation of written policy and applicable training of physicians in the training program regarding when to seek the consultation of the attending physician.

~~(U) Payment to the attending physician for the outpatient services of an unlicensed physician in a training program when the following conditions are met-:~~

~~(i) The member must be at least minimally examined by the attending physician or a licensed physician under the supervision of the attending physician;~~

~~(ii) The contact must be documented in the medical record.~~

(U) Payment for services rendered by medical residents in an outpatient academic setting when the following conditions are met:

(i) the resident has obtained a medical license or a special license for training from the appropriate regulatory state medical board; and

(ii) has the appropriate contract on file with the OHCA to render services within the scope of their licensure.

(V) The payment to a physician for medically directing the services of a CRNA or for the direct supervision of the services of an Anesthesiologist Assistant (AA) is limited. The maximum allowable fee for the services of both providers combined is limited to the maximum allowable had the service been performed solely by the anesthesiologist.

(W) Screening and follow up Pap Smears as per current guidelines.

(X) Medically necessary solid organ and bone marrow/stem cell transplantation services for children and adults are covered services based upon the conditions listed in (i)-(iv) of this subparagraph:

(i) Transplant procedures, except kidney and cornea, must be prior authorized to be compensable.

(ii) To be prior authorized all procedures are reviewed based on appropriate medical criteria.

(iii) To be compensable under the SoonerCare program, all organ transplants must be performed at a facility which meets the requirements contained in Section 1138 of the Social Security Act.

(iv) Procedures considered experimental or investigational are not covered.

(Y) Donor search and procurement services are covered for transplants consistent with the methods used by the Medicare program for organ acquisition costs.

(Z) Donor expenses incurred for complications are covered only if they are directly and immediately attributable to the donation procedure. Donor expenses that occur after the 90 day global reimbursement period must be submitted to the OHCA for review.

(AA) Total parenteral nutritional therapy (TPN) for identified diagnoses and when prior authorized.

(BB) Ventilator equipment.

(CC) Home dialysis equipment and supplies.

(DD) Ambulatory services for treatment of members with tuberculosis (TB). This includes, but is not limited to, physician visits, outpatient hospital services, rural health clinic visits and prescriptions. Drugs prescribed for the treatment of TB beyond the prescriptions covered under SoonerCare require prior authorization by the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy Help Desk using form "Petition for TB Related Therapy". Ambulatory services to members infected with TB are not limited to the scope of the SoonerCare program, but require prior authorization when the scope is exceeded.

(EE) Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling for treatment of members using tobacco.

(i) Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling consists of the 5As:

(I) Asking the member to describe their smoking use;

(II) Advising the member to quit;

(III) Assessing the willingness of the member to quit;

(IV) Assisting the member with referrals and plans to quit; and

(V) Arranging for follow-up.

(ii) Up to eight sessions are covered per year per individual.

(iii) Smoking and Tobacco Use Cessation Counseling is a covered service when performed by physicians, physician assistants, advanced registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse midwives, dentists, Oklahoma State Health Department and FQHC nursing staff, and Maternal/Child Health Licensed Clinical Social Workers with a certification as a Tobacco Treatment Specialist Certification (CTTS). It is reimbursed in addition to any other appropriate ~~claims~~global payments for obstetrical care, PCP care coordination payments, evaluation and management codes, or other appropriate services rendered. It must be a significant, separately identifiable service, unique from any other service provided on the same day.

(iv) Chart documentation must include a separate note that addresses the 5A's and office note signature along with the member specific information addressed in the five steps and the time spent by the practitioner performing the counseling. Anything under three minutes is considered part of a routine visit and not separately billable.

(FF) Immunizations as specified by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) guidelines.

(GG) Genetic testing ~~is and~~ other molecular pathology services are covered when medically necessary. Genetic testing may be considered medically necessary when the following conditions are met:

(i) The member displays clinical features of a suspected genetic condition ~~or~~, is at direct risk of inheriting the genetic condition in question (e.g., a causative familial variant has been identified); ~~and~~ or has been diagnosed with a condition where identification of specific genetic changes will impact treatment or management; and

(ii) Clinical studies published in peer-reviewed literature have established strong evidence that the result of the test will positively impact the clinical decision-making or clinical outcome for the member; and

(iii) The testing method is proven to be scientifically valid for the identification of a specific genetically-linked inheritable disease or clinically important molecular marker; and

(iv) A medical geneticist, physician, or licensed genetic counselor provides documentation that supports the recommendation for testing based on a review of risk factors, clinical scenario, and family history.

(2) General coverage exclusions include the following:

(A) Inpatient admission for diagnostic studies that could be performed on an outpatient basis.

(B) Services or any expense incurred for cosmetic surgery.

- (C) Services of two physicians for the same type of service to the same member on the same day, except when supplemental skills are required and different specialties are involved.
- (D) Routine eye examinations for the sole purpose of prescribing glasses or visual aids, determination of refractive state, treatment of refractive errors or purchase of lenses, frames or visual aids.
- (E) Pre-operative care within 24 hours of the day of admission for surgery and routine post-operative care as defined under the global surgery guidelines promulgated by Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- (F) Payment to the same physician for both an outpatient visit and admission to hospital on the same date.
- (G) Sterilization of members who are under 21 years of age, mentally incompetent, or institutionalized or reversal of sterilization procedures for the purposes of conception.
- (H) Non-therapeutic hysterectomies.
- (I) Medical services considered experimental or investigational.
- (J) Payment for more than four outpatient visits per ~~month~~member (home or office) per ~~member~~month, except ~~those visits in connection with family planning or, services related to emergency medical conditions, or primary care services provided to SoonerCare Choice members.~~
- (K) Payment for more than two nursing facility visits per month.
- (L) More than one inpatient visit per day per physician.
- (M) Physician services which are administrative in nature and not a direct service to the member including such items as quality assurance, utilization review, treatment staffing, tumor board review or multidisciplinary opinion, dictation, and similar functions.
- (N) Charges for completion of insurance forms, abstracts, narrative reports or telephone calls.
- (O) Payment for the services of social workers, licensed family counselors, registered nurses or other ancillary staff, except as specifically set out in OHCA rules.
- (P) Induced abortions, except when certified in writing by a physician that the abortion was necessary due to a physical disorder, injury or illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or that the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest. (Refer to OAC 317:30-5-6 or 317:30-5-50.)
- (Q) Speech and Hearing services.
- (R) Mileage.
- (S) A routine hospital visit on the date of discharge unless the member expired.

- (T) Direct payment to perfusionist as this is considered part of the hospital reimbursement.
- (U) Inpatient chemical dependency treatment.
- (V) Fertility treatment.
- (W) Payment for removal of benign skin lesions.
- (X) Sleep studies.

(b) **Children.** Payment is made to physicians for medical and surgical services for members under the age of 21 within the scope of the Authority's SoonerCare program, provided the services are medically necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of illness or injury, or to improve the functioning of a malformed body member. Medical and surgical services for children are comparable to those listed for adults. For services rendered to a minor child, the child's parent or court-appointed legal guardian must provide written authorization prior to the service being rendered, unless there is an explicit state or federal exception to this requirement. In addition to those services listed for adults, the following services are covered for children.

(1) **Pre-authorization of inpatient psychiatric services.** All inpatient psychiatric services for members under 21 years of age must be prior authorized by an agency designated by the Oklahoma Health Care Authority. All psychiatric services are prior authorized for an approved length of stay. Non-authorized inpatient psychiatric services are not SoonerCare compensable.

(A) All residential and acute psychiatric services are authorized based on the medical necessity criteria as described in OAC 317:30-5-95.25, 317:30-5-95.27 and 317:30-5-95.29.

(B) Out of state placements are not authorized unless it is determined that the needed medical services are more readily available in another state or it is a general practice for members in a particular border locality to use resources in another state. If a medical emergency occurs while a member is out of the State, treatment for medical services is covered as if provided within the State. A prime consideration for placements is proximity to the family or guardian in order to involve the family or guardian in discharge and reintegration planning.

(2) **General acute care inpatient service limitations.** All general acute care inpatient hospital services for members under the age of 21 are not limited. All inpatient care must be medically necessary.

(3) **Procedures for requesting extensions for inpatient services.** The physician and/or facility must provide necessary justification to enable OHCA, or its designated agent, to make a determination of medical necessity and appropriateness of treatment options. Extension requests for psychiatric admissions must be submitted to the OHCA or its designated agent. Extension requests must contain the appropriate documentation validating

the need for continued treatment in accordance with the medical necessity criteria described in OAC 317:30-5-95.26, 317:30-5-95.28 and 317:30-5-95.30. Requests must be made prior to the expiration of the approved inpatient stay. All decisions of OHCA or its designated agent are final.

(4) **Utilization control requirements for psychiatric beds.** Utilization control requirements for inpatient psychiatric services for members under 21 years of age apply to all hospitals and residential psychiatric treatment facilities.

(5) **Early and periodic screening diagnosis and treatment program.** Payment is made to eligible providers for Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) of members under age 21. These services include medical, dental, vision, hearing and other necessary health care. Refer to OAC 317:30-3-65.2 through 317:30-3-65.11 for specific guidelines.

(6) **Child abuse/neglect findings.** Instances of child abuse and/or neglect discovered through screenings and regular exams are to be reported in accordance with State Law. Section 7103 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes mandates reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Section 7104 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes further requires reporting of criminally injurious conduct to the nearest law enforcement agency.

(7) **General exclusions.** The following are excluded from coverage for members under the age of 21:

(A) Inpatient admission for diagnostic studies that could be performed on an outpatient basis.

(B) Services or any expense incurred for cosmetic surgery unless the physician certifies the procedure emotionally necessary.

(C) Services of two physicians for the same type of service to the same member on the same day, except when supplemental skills are required and different specialties are involved.

(D) Pre-operative care within 24 hours of the day of admission for surgery and routine post-operative care as defined under the global surgery guidelines promulgated by Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

(E) Payment to the same physician for both an outpatient visit and admission to hospital on the same date.

(F) Sterilization of members who are under 21 years of age, mentally incompetent, or institutionalized or reversal of sterilization procedures for the purposes of conception.

(G) Non-therapeutic hysterectomies.

(H) Medical Services considered experimental or investigational.

(I) More than one inpatient visit per day per physician.

(J) Induced abortions, except when certified in writing by a physician that the abortion was necessary due to a physical

disorder, injury or illness, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, that would place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed, or that the pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest. (Refer to OAC 317:30-5-6 or 317:30-5-50.)

(K) Physician services which are administrative in nature and not a direct service to the member including such items as quality assurance, utilization review, treatment staffing, tumor board review or multidisciplinary opinion, dictation, and similar functions.

(L) Payment for the services of social workers, licensed family counselors, registered nurses or other ancillary staff, except as specifically set out in OHCA rules.

(M) Direct payment to perfusionist as this is considered part of the hospital reimbursement.

(N) Charges for completion of insurance forms, abstracts, narrative reports or telephone calls.

(O) Mileage.

(P) A routine hospital visit on date of discharge unless the member expired.

(c) **Individuals eligible for Part B of Medicare.** Payment is made utilizing the OHCA allowable for comparable services. Claims filed with Medicare Part B should automatically cross over to OHCA. The explanation of Medicare Benefits (EOMB) reflects a message that the claim was referred to SoonerCare. If such a message is not present, a claim for coinsurance and deductible must be filed with the OHCA within 90 days of the date of Medicare payment and within one year of the date of service in order to be considered timely filed.

(1) In certain circumstances, some claims do not automatically "cross over". Providers must file a claim for coinsurance and/or deductible to SoonerCare within 90 days of the Medicare payment and within one year from the date of service.

(2) If payment was denied by Medicare Part B and the service is a SoonerCare covered service, mark the claim "denied by Medicare" and attach the Medicare EOMB showing the reason for the denial.