

## **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.

### **Insure Oklahoma Waiting Period for Dependent Children with Creditable Coverage and Language Update**

A proposed amendment to the Title XXI State Plan will revise the current language regarding the waiting period for dependent children eligible for Insure Oklahoma benefits who already have or have had creditable coverage through another source. The current Title XXI State Plan states that they must undergo a six-month uninsured waiting period, with exceptions, prior to becoming eligible for either the Insure Oklahoma Employer Sponsored Insurance (ESI) or Individual Plan (IP). Proposed changes will make the waiting period optional and no more than 90 days. This State Plan Amendment (SPA) is needed in order to come into compliance with new federal regulations which require that waiting periods can be no longer than 90 days.

Further, the amendment will update language regarding coverage for dependent children in the Insure Oklahoma Individual Plan, as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has eliminated this population by limiting income qualifications for the Individual Plan to less than 100 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL). As coverage for dependent children was for those in households from 185 to 200 percent of the FPL, Individual Plan coverage is no longer possible. The State took necessary action to comply with the federal requirements regarding financial qualifications for the Individual Plan effective January 1, 2014, and is now updating the Title XXI language for dependent children to match. The estimated total budget impact for the proposed State Plan Amendment is budget neutral.

### **Incontinence Supplies Sole Source 1915(b)(4) Waiver Request**

The State will seek to waive freedom of choice for incontinence supplies under Section 1902(a)(23) of the Social Security Act via a 1915(b)(4) waiver request. The State has elected to utilize selective contracting in order to deliver a high quality program with sufficient utilization controls for incontinence supplies under the EPSDT benefit for children ages 4 through 20, as long as medical necessity criteria are met. OHCA has negotiated fixed rate reimbursement for the incontinence supplies furnished under the provider agreement. Further, OHCA has expanded the agreement to include professional service contract terms, in which the vendor provides customer service for members and ordering providers. The estimated total budget impact for the proposed State Plan Amendment is \$2,111,768.50; \$1,294,883.65 federal share and \$816,884.85 state share.

### **Over-the-Counter Products Update**

A proposed amendment to the Title XIX State Plan will revise language pertaining to pharmacy over-the-counter (OTC) coverage. The State Plan currently states that OTC drugs, rather than products, are reimbursable. Not all covered OTC products are considered drugs; therefore, a change in language is needed to clarify OTC coverage and align the State Plan to current practice. The estimated total budget impact for the proposed State Plan Amendment is budget neutral.

### **Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS)**

A proposed amendment to the Title XIX State Plan will document Oklahoma's participation in the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) interstate match. PARIS is a data exchange that detects and deters improper payments through a federal-state partnership. Currently, SoonerCare uses the data matching in eligibility operations. The data matching safeguards the integrity of the program by allowing the State to ensure SoonerCare enrollees are not simultaneously enrolled in other states' public

assistance program. This amendment is needed to align the State Plan with current program operations and to meet federal regulations. The estimated total budget impact for the proposed State Plan Amendment is budget neutral.

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.