



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

Tribal Consultation Meeting Agenda
11 AM, March 3rd
Board Room
4345 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

1. Welcome— Dana Miller, Director of Tribal Government Relations
2. Proposed Rule, State Plan, Waiver, and Rate Amendments— Dana Miller, Director of Tribal Government Relations

Proposed Rule, State Plan, and Waiver Amendments

- Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) Recommended Changes to Policy & Waiver Amendments- Durable Medical Equipment & Supplies (DME)
 - Therapy Assistants
 - Healthy Adult Opportunity (HAO) Waiver
 - Continuation of Services Pending Appeals
3. Other Business and Project Updates- Dana Miller, Director of Tribal Government Relations
 - PCHMH redesign update-Melinda Thomason, Senior Director for Stakeholder Engagement
 4. Adjourn—Next Tribal Consultation Scheduled for 11 AM, May 5th , 2020

Proposed Rule, State Plan, and Waiver Amendments

Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) Recommended Changes to Policy and Waiver Amendments – Durable Medical Equipment and Supplies (DME) — The OHCA will submit amendments to five 1915(c) waivers to align with the proposed DME, supplies and appliances State Plan Amendment (SPA). The waivers being amended are operated by the OKDHS and include the ADvantage, Community, Homeward Bound, In-Home Supports for Children, and In-Home Supports for Adults waivers. The proposed amendments will clarify the coverage description in Appendix C, Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies, as well as, the reimbursement methodology in Appendix I-2:a, Rate Setting Methodology. Furthermore, revisions will also be made to the waiver programs' policy to reflect these changes.

Therapy Assistants — The proposed policy changes will add physical therapy assistants, occupational therapy assistants, speech language pathology assistants (SLPAs), and speech language pathology clinical fellows as eligible providers that can render services to SoonerCare members. Additionally, the proposed revisions will outline provider qualifications and other requirements for provision of these therapy services. Finally, revisions will be made to clarify that these providers will be reimbursed at a percentage of the rate paid to fully licensed therapists.

Healthy Adult Opportunity (HAO) Waiver — The OHCA will be seeking 1115(a)(2) waiver authority, through the HAO waiver application, to create new health care coverage approaches and options for adults defined as the “new adult group” per Section 435.119 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The waiver application will include, but not be limited to, the following topics: a description of eligible populations; processes for eligibility under the demonstration; the benefit package for the applicable population(s); applicable premiums and cost sharing; delivery system and payment methods; financing; state specific elements/requirements; implementation of a fair hearing process; and information regarding evaluations. **(30-day expedited consultation, comments are due to OHCA by April 2, 2020).**

Continuation of Services Pending Appeals — The proposed new rule will describe under what conditions Medicaid benefits will continue or be reinstated pending an appeal to comply with Section 431.230 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Additionally, the proposed new rule will describe the application, obligations, and implications for the appellant when Medicaid benefits are continued or reinstated pending an appeal.