June 23, 2020

RE: Oklahoma Health Care Authority Proposed Rule, State Plan and Waiver Amendments

Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of proposed changes that will be reviewed at the tribal consultation meeting on July 7th, 2020 at 11 a.m. OHCA invites you to attend this meeting via webinar, and we welcome any comments regarding the proposed changes. The agency is committed to active communication with tribal governments during the decision-making and priority-setting process to keep you apprised of all proposed changes.

Enclosed are summaries of the current proposed rules, state plan and waiver amendments for your review. The summaries describe the purpose of each change.

Please note that these are only proposed changes and have not yet taken effect. Before implementation, proposed changes must obtain budget authorization and approval by the OHCA board, and when applicable, federal and governor approval must be obtained.

Additionally, OHCA posts all proposed changes on the agency's Policy Change Blog and the Native American Consultation Page. These public website pages are designed to give all constituents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and make comments regarding upcoming policy changes. To ensure that you stay informed of proposed policy changes, you may sign up for web alerts to be automatically notified when any new proposed policy changes are posted for comment.

OHCA values consultation with tribal governments and will provide your representatives a reasonable amount of time to respond to this notification. If you have any questions or comments about the proposed policy changes, please use the online comment system found on the Policy Change Blog and/or the Native American Consultation Page.

Sincerely,
Proposed Rule, State Plan, and Waiver Amendments

Reimbursement of Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARC) in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) — The proposed revisions remove the reimbursement of a covered LARC device from the FQHC encounter reimbursement rate to be paid separately. Currently, the cost of the LARC device is included in the FQHC encounter rate.

Medicare Advantage Plans (Medicare Part C) — The proposed revisions, regarding the payment of Medicare deductibles, coinsurance, and copays, will standardize Medicare Part A, Part B, and Part C language in policy.

SUPPORT Act Medication–Assisted Treatment (MAT) — The proposed revisions formalize the State’s coverage of MAT to treat substance use disorders in accordance with Section 1006(b) of the SUPPORT Act, HR 6 by allowing coverage for all FDA-approved drugs to treat Opioid Use Disorders (OUD) and establishing reimbursement rates for MAT providers.

Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) — The proposed revisions establish provider qualifications, coverage of services, and reimbursement methodology for registered OTP providers, including reimbursement for drugs used to treat opioid use disorders.

ADvantage Waiver — The proposed revisions to the ADvantage waiver will add new language allowing an Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) nurse to assess the applicant remotely via electronic communication, in the applicant's home, or other appropriate setting using the Uniform Comprehensive Assessment Tool (UCAT) for the initial level of care (LOC) assessment. Additionally, policy revisions will describe the procedures and requirements involved in administering the UCAT and determining the medical level of care of a member based upon the assessment.
Third Party Managed Care Organization — In order to improve Oklahoma’s health outcomes, increase access to health care, and foster a more accountable system, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) will seek proposals from qualified managed care organizations to facilitate health care services to eligible and enrolled members of Oklahoma’s Medicaid program, commonly known as SoonerCare. Following the request for proposals and in order to obtain authority to establish the managed care organization, the agency will seek to revise/add federal and state policy including: 1115 and 1915 waiver requests, Title XIX and XXI state plan amendments, and state rules.

Coverage for Adults in SoonerCare - Due to the passage of State Question 802 (SQ 802), the OHCA will add adults 19-64 years of age as a new eligibility group in the SoonerCare program as described in Section 435.119 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This request will utilize a 14-day expedited tribal consultation time period.