

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 447.205 of Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to give public notice of its intent to submit a state plan amendment (SPA) to modify its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services. An ITU notice was sent to inform tribal partners of this change on February 24, 2023. The proposed change was presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on March 7, 2023 at 11:00 AM via teleconference and will be presented to the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) on June 21, 2023 at 10 AM and to the OHCA Board on June 28 at 2 PM; both meetings will be in the Ed McFall Boardroom at the OHCA.

### **Substance Abuse Screening Coverage and Reimbursement in Primary Care Settings, Effective date: July 1, 2023, contingent upon CMS approval.**

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) proposes to allow reimbursement for drug and alcohol screenings that are provided to members in primary care settings that do not result in a referral to treatment but may result in a brief intervention. Coverage of these screenings in the primary care setting will assist in supporting the State's existing Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment for Substance Use (SBIRT) initiatives.

The proposed change will establish a new code (H0049) to be utilized for screenings that do not result in a referral to treatment but may result in a brief intervention. The new code H0049 will be reimbursed at a rate of 66.66% of the existing code 99408 found within the physician fee schedule which is updated annually.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2024 will be an increase in the total amount of \$1,149,881; with \$362,356 in the state share. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2025 will be in an increase in the total amount of \$1,149,881; with \$373,366 in the state share.

Interested persons may visit [oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notice](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notice) to view a copy of the public notice(s) and visit [oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes) to view a copy of the proposed state plan amendment and a link to provide public comments on the proposal. Persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed state plan amendments may do so via mail by writing to: Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Federal Authorities Unit, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or via email at [federal.authorities@okhca.org](mailto:federal.authorities@okhca.org). Written comments or requests for copies of the proposed state plan amendments will be accepted by contacting OHCA as indicated. Comments submitted through the OHCA policy blog will be available for review online at [oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes). Other written comments are available upon request at [federal.authorities@okhca.org](mailto:federal.authorities@okhca.org). Comments will be accepted from May 26 through June 25, 2023.