

## 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.

### **Supplemental Reimbursement for Ground Ambulance Transportation Providers, Effective: October 1, 2018**

The OHCA proposes to implement a supplemental reimbursement program for SoonerCare contracted ground ambulance transportation providers, in addition to their current rate of payment, effective October 1, 2018. Additional federal dollars will be leveraged through Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) to reduce the gap between Medicaid payments and the actual cost of providing ground ambulance transportation services. The state plan amendment defines the scope, payment methodology, cost reporting requirements, and payment frequency for supplemental payments. There is no estimated federal fiscal year (FFY) 2019 budget impact for supplemental reimbursement for ground ambulance transportation providers as payments will not be disbursed until SFY 2020. The estimated federal budget impact for FFY 2020 is \$17,258,031. It is estimated that this request will be budget neutral for the State as participating providers will bear the cost of providing the state share for the program, as well as any administrative costs.

Persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed changes may do so at the following address: Sandra Puebla, Oklahoma Health Care Authority, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105, or by email at [Sandra.Puebla@okhca.org](mailto:Sandra.Puebla@okhca.org). Copies of the proposed changes are available for public review at the OHCA by contacting Sandra Puebla by telephone 405-522-7270 or at the email address above. 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 Mrs. Puebla as indicated. Comments submitted will be available for review by the public Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM, at OHCA located at the above address. The proposed changes may also be viewed and receive written comments on the agency's website at [www.okhca.org/proposedchanges](http://www.okhca.org/proposedchanges).