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State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC)

Agenda

September 9, 2025

1:00 PM

OHCA Beavers Bend

4345 N. Lincoln Blvd

Oklahoma City, OK

I. Welcome and Roll Call: **Chair, Kristine West**

This meeting will occur at the OHCA building at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105. All Committee members will participate in person.

Committee Members:

- Kristine West (Chair, OHCA)
- Heather Cox (OHCA)
- Bernard Rhone (OHCA)
- Sally Tucker (OHCA)
- Sharon Butler (OSDH)
- Melissa Miller (ODMHSAS)
- Danielle Durkee (OHS)

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II. Public Comments (2-minute limit): **Chair, Kristine West**

III. Rate issues to be addressed: Presentation, discussion, and vote

- A. Birthing Center Rates
(Presented by **Karen Beam**, OHCA)
- B. Functional Family Therapy
(Presented by **Susan Schmidt**, OJA)
- C. Paid Family Caregiver Rate



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(Presented by **Rebekah Gossett**, OHCA)

IV. Adjournment: **Chair, Kristine West**

FUTURE SPARC MEETING

January 12, 2026

11:00 am



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BIRTHING CENTER RATES

1. IS THIS A RATE CHANGE OR A METHOD CHANGE?

Rate and Method Change

2. IS THIS CHANGE AN INCREASE, DECREASE, OR NO IMPACT?

No Impact

3. PRESENTATION OF ISSUE – WHY IS THIS CHANGE BEING MADE?

Senate Bill 1739 (2024) removed the state license requirement for birthing centers and directed OHCA to cover services provided by freestanding birthing centers, certified nurse midwives, and licensed midwives. The proposed changes allow for coverage of Birthing Center and Licensed Midwives' services for normal, uncomplicated, low-risk births.

4. CURRENT METHODOLOGY AND/OR RATE STRUCTURE.

For Physicians providing services for HCPCS Procedure Codes 59400, 59410, 59425, 59426, and 59430 we have established pricing.

5. NEW METHODOLOGY OR RATE STRUCTURE.

The proposed rates for services provided by a Licensed Midwife are 80% of the physician pricing:

59400: \$1,650.73

59410: \$741.26

59425: \$382.72

59426: \$700.57

59430: \$177.42

The proposed rates to pay the Birthing Center facility fee at 50% of the APC pricing for HCPCS Procedure Code 59409:

S4005: \$1,415.71

6. BUDGET ESTIMATE.

This change will be budget neutral.

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7. AGENCY ESTIMATED IMPACT ON ACCESS TO CARE.

The proposed changes allow for coverage of Birthing Center and Licensed Midwives' services for normal, uncomplicated, low-risk births which will have a positive impact and increase access to care.

8. RATE OR METHOD CHANGE IN THE FORM OF A MOTION.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority requests the State Plan Amendment Rate committee to approve the proposed rates for services provided by a Licensed Midwife are 80% of the physician pricing:

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59430: \$177.42

The proposed rates to pay the Birthing Center facility fee at 50% of the APC pricing for HCPCS Procedure Code 59409:

S4005: \$1,415.71

9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE.

November 1, 2025 upon approval by CMS.

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FUNCTIONAL FAMILY THERAPY SERVICES (FFT)

1. IS THIS A RATE CHANGE OR A METHOD CHANGE?

Rate and Method Change

2. IS THIS CHANGE AN INCREASE, DECREASE, OR NO IMPACT?

Increase

3. PRESENTATION OF ISSUE – WHY IS THIS CHANGE BEING MADE?

Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs (OJA) and Oklahoma Human Services (OHS) is seeking to add reimbursement rates for the functional family therapy services (FFT). FFT is an empirically grounded, well-documented and highly successful family intervention program for youth at risk or presenting with emotional and behavioral difficulties. The establishment of a reimbursement rate for FFT will ensure families across Oklahoma can participate in this intervention and experience the benefits.

4. CURRENT METHODOLOGY AND/OR RATE STRUCTURE.

The current rate structure for the services provided in the proposed rate change is a fixed and uniform rate established through the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee process.

State Plan Service	Code	Unit Type	Current Rate
There is no fee structure currently for FFT services.	N/A	N/A	N/A

State Plan Service	Code	Unit Type	Current Rate
There is no fee structure currently for FFT services.	N/A	N/A	N/A

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5. NEW METHODOLOGY OR RATE STRUCTURE.

The new rate structure for the services provided in the proposed rate change is a fixed and uniform rate established through the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee process.

State Plan Service	Code	Unit Type	Current Rate
Functional Family Therapy for Phase 1 and 2 Agencies	H0036	per 15 min.	\$49.31

State Plan Service	Code	Unit Type	Current Rate
Functional Family Therapy for Phase 3 Agencies	H0036	per 15 min.	\$56.35

6. BUDGET ESTIMATE.

The estimated yearly budget impact for SFY2026 will be an increase in the total amount of \$1,611,319.91 with \$540,275.57 of state share and \$1,071,044.34 of federal share. SFY2027 will be an increase in the total amount of \$3,222,639.82 with \$1,080,551.13 of state share and \$2,142,088.69 of federal share.

(In SFY2026 Oklahoma Juvenile Affairs will pay \$502,950.00 of the state share and Oklahoma Human Services will pay \$37,325.57 of state share. In SFY 2027 OJA will pay \$1,005,900.00 of state share and OHS will pay \$74,651.13 of state share.)

OJA and OHS attests that it has adequate funds to cover the state share of the projected cost of services.

7. AGENCY ESTIMATED IMPACT ON ACCESS TO CARE.

The methodology change and rate changes will have a positive impact on care as providers are able to provide FFT services and meet increased labor costs. This FFT service is an intensive intervention that could reduce admissions to higher levels of care or further state involvement.

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8. RATE OR METHOD CHANGE IN THE FORM OF A MOTION.

OJA and OHS (OKDHS) requests the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee approve the proposed method change and rate increase to allow Functional Family Therapy for Phase 1 and 2 Agencies at \$49.31 per 15 minutes and Functional Family Therapy for Phase 3 Agencies at \$56.35 per 15 minutes.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE.

January 1, 2026, upon approval by CMS

STATE PLAN AMENDMENT RATE COMMITTEE**PAID FAMILY CAREGIVER RATE****1. IS THIS A RATE CHANGE OR A METHOD CHANGE?**

Rate Change

2. IS THIS CHANGE AN INCREASE, DECREASE, OR NO IMPACT?

No Impact

3. PRESENTATION OF ISSUE – WHY IS THIS CHANGE BEING MADE?

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is seeking to implement a new reimbursement rate for the Paid Family Caregiver (PFC) program as authorized by Senate Bill 56 and codified at 63 O.S. § 5013.2. This new program is designed for children approved for Private Duty Nursing (PDN) who require care beyond personal care services, but which can be safely provided by a trained family caregiver in lieu of the nurse.

This is necessary as there are some rural families who do not have stable staffing. Parents are then required to make difficult choices of losing their job and possibly home; to ensure that their child receives necessary care. Or in some instances, in single family homes, turning the child into the custody of State of Oklahoma.

4. CURRENT METHODOLOGY AND/OR RATE STRUCTURE.

There is currently no rate associated with HCPCS Procedure Code T1004. Paid Family Caregiver (PFC) hours authorized by OHCA and/or SoonerSelect may total up to forty (40) hours per week and are authorized concurrently with, not in addition too, any Private Duty Nursing (PDN) hours authorized by OHCA and/or SoonerSelect.

5. NEW METHODOLOGY OR RATE STRUCTURE.

The proposed rate for HCPCS Procedure Code T1004 is \$6.58 per 15-minute unit.

6. BUDGET ESTIMATE.

This change will be budget neutral.

7. AGENCY ESTIMATED IMPACT ON ACCESS TO CARE.

This will have a positive impact on access to care by allowing personal care services to provide services to other members. Children aged 0-20 who qualify for PDN services may receive up to forty (40) hours per week of PFC services.

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In accordance with Oklahoma Nursing Practice Act, § 567.3a, complex care giver may provide care to qualifying members under the direction and supervision of a Registered Nurse or Licensed Practical Nurse, through a home care agency. To be an eligible provider a home health agency must meet the requirements of Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) 317:30-5-545, and it must be licensed by the Oklahoma State Health Department (OSDH) as a home care agency.

The complex caregiver must meet the following requirements - be at least 18 years of age; pass criminal and abuse registry background checks.

The complex caregiver, within the agency, must receive eighty (80) hours of training, competency evaluation, and other qualification criteria as a complex caregiver, including but not limited to: Agency New Employee Orientation; Communicating with the Care Team; Documentation; Safety Care; Medications; Respiratory Care; Neurological care; Nutrition; Genitourinary care; Integumentary care; and Social Determinants of Health.

This training was a collaborative effort between OUMC NICU Intensivists, The Children's Center at Bethany, all five Private Duty Nursing Providers, and OHCA.

8. RATE OR METHOD CHANGE IN THE FORM OF A MOTION.

OHCA requests the State Plan Rate Committee approve the proposed rate change for HCPCS Procedure Code T1004 is \$6.58 per 15-minute unit.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE.

March 1, 2026 upon approval by CMS.