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State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC)

Agenda

January 12, 2026

11:00 AM

OHCA Beavers Bend

4345 N. Lincoln Blvd

Oklahoma City, OK

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I. Welcome and Roll Call: Chair, Heather Cox

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:**

- Heather Cox (Chair, OHCA)
- Stephanie Mavredes (OHCA)
- Bernard Rhone (OHCA)
- Sally Tucker (OHCA)
- Sharon Butler (OSDH)
- Tracy Leeper (ODMHSAS)
- Danielle Durkee (OHS)

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II. Public Comments (2-minute limit): Chair, Heather Cox

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

A. Behavioral Health Transportation Rates  
(Presented by **Tracy Leeper**, ODMHSAS)

IV. Adjournment: Chair, Heather Cox



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FUTURE SPARC MEETING

March 10, 2026

10:00 am



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# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRANSPORTATION RATES

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

Rate Change

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

Increase

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

ODMHSAS seeks to increase rates for secure behavioral health transports for members alleged to be in a behavioral health crisis, requiring transportation to a treatment facility for the purpose of examination, emergency detention, protective custody, or inpatient services.

Based on a review of operational expenses between FY2022 and FY2025, costs related to vehicle maintenance, repairs, insurance, and workers' compensation have increased by more than 500%. While not all expenses scale directly with mileage, a significant portion of the cost burden does.

To maintain service capacity and ensure operational sustainability, ODMHSAS worked with the transportation providers to develop a rate which the State could afford and would allow the providers to continue doing business. The rate adjustment from \$2.85 to \$4.80 (procedure code S0215) per mile represents a 68% increase, which reflects only a portion of the actual cost escalation. This adjustment balances fiscal responsibility with the documented increases in insurance premiums, repair costs, and vehicle replacement needs.

### 4. CURRENT METHODOLOGY AND/OR RATE STRUCTURE.

Transports over 30 miles are currently reimbursed at \$160.00 per encounter and \$2.85 per mile.

### 5. NEW METHODOLOGY OR RATE STRUCTURE.

Transports over 30 miles will be reimbursed \$160.00 per encounter and \$4.80 per mile.

### 6. BUDGET ESTIMATE.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2026 will be an increase in the total amount of \$379,372; with \$127,203 in state share.



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The estimated budget impact for SFY 2027 will be an increase in the total amount of \$650,352; with \$221,055 in state share.

ODMHSAS 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 ODMHSAS has determined that this change will have a positive impact in that the rate implementation supports the secure behavioral health transportation network.

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

ODMHSAS requests SPARC to approve the proposed rates for secure behavioral health transportation.

**9. EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGE.**

December 1, 2025, upon approval by CMS