

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 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. The following method change will necessitate amendments to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan. The proposed changes will be presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on September 7, 2021, at 11:00 AM via teleconference, will be heard before the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) hearing on September 7, 2021, at 2:00 PM, and considered at the OHCA Board meeting on September 20, 2021, at 8:30 AM.

### **Certified Community Behavioral Health (CCBH) Services Prospective Payment System (PPS) Rebasing Methodology, Effective date: October 1, 2021, contingent upon CMS approval.**

The OHCA will seek approval of a state plan amendment to update and clarify the frequency and method for rebasing CCBH PPS rates based on cost reports. The current process includes review of cost reports bi-annually to determine adequacy of rates and update annually to reflect inflation. The new methodology will clarify that CCBH PPS rates will be updated at 12 months following an initial provider-specific rate and every two years thereafter. The resulting rate is trended from the midpoint of the cost year to the midpoint of the rate year using the March update of the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). Proposed language also allows anticipated costs, in addition to actual costs, to be included in the initial provider-specific rate for new CCBH facilities, allowing the rate to account for necessary growth of the CCBH facility during the initial years of operation. Further, the proposed changes will allow for a CCBH to request updates to their rate(s) to account for changes expected to impact the PPS rate by at least 5 percent, once per year, subject to State approval. Language also clarifies that new CCBH interim rates are based on both rural and urban existing CCBH rates.

The state plan amendment also clarifies crisis assessment and intervention services reimbursement methodology for non-established clients and adds urgent recovery clinic services as a service provided to these members. These services are reimbursed under the current established fee-for-service methodology within the State Plan.

This methodology change is budget neutral.

### **Intensive Residential Substance Use Disorder Treatment for Adolescents Rate, Effective date: October 1, 2021, contingent upon CMS approval.**

The OHCA will seek approval of a State Plan amendment to proposes to create and establish a new rate for intensive residential substance use disorder treatment for adolescents (Clinically Managed Medium-Intensity Residential Services for Adolescents, Intensive). The proposed rate for intensive residential substance use disorder treatment for adolescents is \$160.00 per day. The newly proposed rate for adolescents will match the rate for these services provided to adults which is also \$160.00 per day.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2022 is \$131,513 total; \$35,101 Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) state share (9 months). The estimated budget impact for SFY2023 is \$164,575 total; \$43,925 ODMHSAS 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 by 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 September 7 through October 7, 2021.