

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 447.205 Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, 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. An ITU notice was sent to inform tribal partners of this change on December 26, 2024, April 17, 2025, and June 20, 2025. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on January 7, 2025, April 29, 2025 and July 1, 2025 respectively. These proposed changes were heard at the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) hearing on June 17, 2025, at 1:00 PM and will be presented to the OHCA Board meeting on June 25, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

Children First Rate Increases, Effective date: July 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.

OHCA, on behalf of Oklahoma State Department of Health, seeks to increase the reimbursement rate for skilled nursing assessments and evaluations as well as targeted case management services for the Children First Program. Children First is a free program of the Oklahoma State Department of Health for first-time mothers which provides personal visits with specially trained nurses beginning early in pregnancy through the child's second birthday. The proposed rate for skilled nursing assessment/evaluation is an increase from \$67.18 to \$95 per visit. The proposed rate for targeted case management is an increase from \$13.98 to \$18 per visit. The Medicaid State Plan amendment will take effect on July 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2026 will be an increase in the total amount of \$264,908; with \$79,472 in state share (to be paid by the Oklahoma State Department of Health).

Nursing Facility Rate Rebasing, Effective date: July 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.

OHCA seeks to revise rates for regular nursing facilities, nursing facilities services patients with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDs), and regular and acute Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID). Additionally, due to the proposed rate increases to long-term care facilities, the Miller Trust eligibility amount effective July 1, 2025, will increase from \$7,445 to \$7,535 per month.

Regular Nursing Facilities

The OHCA will seek approval of a Medicaid State Plan amendment to increase rates and recalculate the quality of care (QOC) fee for regular nursing facilities. For the rate period beginning July 1, 2025, the base rate component will be \$159.56 per patient day. The new combined pool amount for "Direct Care" and "Other Cost" components will be \$369,759,658. The estimated budget impact for SFY2026 will be an increase in the total amount of \$13,104,612; with \$4,374,319 in state share.

Nursing Facilities Serving Patients with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)

The OHCA is proposing revisions to increase rates and recalculate the QOC fee for nursing facilities serving residents with AIDS. For the rate period beginning July 1, 2025, the base rate component will be \$290.07 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY2026 will be an increase in the total amount of \$16,821; with \$5,615 in state share.

Regular Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)

The OHCA is proposing revisions to increase rates and recalculate the QOC fee for regular ICF/IIDs. For the rate period beginning July 1, 2025, the rate will be \$172.48 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY2026 will be an increase in the total amount of \$197,700; with \$65,992 in state share.

Acute Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID)

The OHCA is proposing revisions to increase rates for Acute ICF/IIDs. For the rate period beginning July 1, 2025, the rate will be \$209.36 per patient day. The estimated budget impact for SFY2026 will be an increase in the total amount of \$982,584; with \$327,986 in state share.

Partial Hospitalization Program Rate Increase, Effective date: July 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.

The proposed revisions amend the Medicaid State Plan to increase the per diem rate for partial hospitalization program (PHP) services by 12.15%, from \$160.50 to \$180.00. This change, requested by Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) due to increased provider costs, aims to support the limited number of PHP providers in Oklahoma. PHP offers intensive, nonresidential treatment for individuals with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2026 is an increase of \$1,170,000 in total; with \$390,546 in the state share. For SFY 2027, the total is estimated to be an increase of \$1,170,000; with \$392,301 in the state share.

Interested persons may visit 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 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. 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. Other written comments are available upon request at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Comments will be accepted from June 20, 2025, through July 5, 2025.