

## 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 February 28, 2025. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on March 4, 2025 at 11:00 AM via teleconference.

### **Managed Care Indirect Medical Education Payment Methodology, Effective date: March 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.**

The proposed revisions amend the State Plan establish a managed care indirect medical education (IME) payment methodology for Oklahoma hospitals that are owned or operated by a public trust and affiliated with an accredited medical school. The managed care IME payment will be based on a percentage of the total Medicaid managed care payments to the hospital for inpatient and outpatient services. The percentage will be a function of the number of residents and the number of beds available at the hospital. Payments will be disbursed quarterly. The IME payment will support the expansion of primary care and specialty medical education in rural settings and bolster the healthcare workforce in Oklahoma. Existing graduate medical education (GME) and IME payments will not be affected. The revisions will take effect March 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2025 is an increase of \$103,236,121 in total; with \$33,985,331 in the state share. For SFY 2026, the total is estimated to be an increase of \$309,708,364; with \$101,955,993 in the 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 February 28, 2025 through March 15, 2025.