

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 447.205 of 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 Oklahoma Medicaid program. The following rate change and methodology will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan and agency rules. An Indian Health Service (IHS)/Tribal/Urban Indian (ITU) Notice was sent to inform tribal partners on December 27, 2024. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting January 7, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. via teleconference and will be heard at the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) hearing on June 17, 2025, at 1:00 PM and the OHCA Board meeting on June 25, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

School Based Services Expansion, Effective date: July 1, 2025, contingent upon CMS approval.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA), in collaboration with the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), will seek approval of policy revisions to enhance school-based services across the State. The changes will allow school-based services for all Medicaid eligible students that meet the criteria for medical necessity. These services are currently only reimbursable for students with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or an Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP).

Provision of Services for Other Plans of Care

The OHCA, in partnership with the OSDE, is seeking to enhance existing school-based services, specifically around nursing, behavioral health, and nutrition services. Apart from specialized transportation, school-based services will be reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis in accordance with the reimbursement methodology currently established within the state plan.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2025 (Effective 7/1/2025) will be \$49,875.00 with \$33,456.15 in state share; for SFY2026 the estimated budget impact will be \$399,000.00, with \$131,350.80 in state share.

Specialized Transportation

The OHCA, in partnership with the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), will seek approval of a SPA to establish a new methodology and reimbursement rate for school-based specialized transportation as deemed medically necessary for students on an Individual Education Program (IEP). Beginning July 1, 2025, school-based specialized transportation will be paid on a fee-for-service basis through encounter payments or a combination of encounter payments and a set rate per mile as follows:

- Transports 15 miles and under will be reimbursed \$17.44 per encounter, equal to 6.25% of the CY 2025 rate for T2003.
- Transports over 15 miles will be reimbursed \$17.44 per encounter, and \$1.79 per mile, equal to 20% of the CY 2025 rate for S0215.

The estimated budget impact for SFY2025 will be \$9,997.50 with \$6,706.32 in state share; for SFY2026 the estimated budget impact will be \$39,990.00, with \$13,164.71 in 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, Policy and Program Management 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 February 28, 2025, to March 15, 2025.