

## 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 proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on July 1, 2025, at 11:00 AM via teleconference and the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) hearing on September 9, 2025, at 1:00 PM and will be heard at the OHCA Board meeting on September 30, 2025, at 2:00 PM.

### **Paid Family Caregiver Reimbursement, Effective date: March 1, 2026.**

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority seeks to amend the Medicaid fee schedule to establish a new reimbursement rate for the Paid Family Caregiver (PFC) program as authorized by Senate Bill 56 and codified at 63 O.S. § 5013.2. This new program is designed for children approved for Private Duty Nursing (PDN) who require care beyond personal care services, but which can be safely provided by a trained family caregiver in lieu of the nurse. The proposed rate for trained caregivers is \$6.58 per 15 minute unit. Reimbursement at this rate is limited to 40 hours within the existing PDN authorization.

The budget impact for SFY 2026 and 2027 is estimated to be budget neutral as the proposed reimbursement is a lower rate for services already authorized by the agency under PDN.

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, Policy and Program Management 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 9 through September 24, 2025.