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RE: SoonerSelect Prior Authorization Process for Tonsillectomies and/or Adenoidectomies for Members Over Age 12 for Oklahoma Complete Health and Oklahoma Complete Health Children's Specialty Program

Dear Provider,

The SoonerSelect contracted entities (CEs) are required to administer medically necessary, covered services in a manner that is no more restrictive than what is required by OHCA in the SoonerCare fee-for-service (FFS) program (see O.A.C. 317:55-3-10). CEs may request to implement alternative processes for administration of medically necessary, covered services under the SoonerSelect program. Alternatives requested are subject to OHCA review and approval.

Oklahoma Complete Health (OCH) and the Oklahoma Complete Health Children's Specialty Program recently requested to implement changes related to tonsillectomy and/or adenoidectomy services for members over age 12. This request is to add a prior authorization process, using InterQual criteria, for tonsillectomies and/or adenoidectomies for members over age 12.

OHCA subject matter experts (SMEs) reviewed OCH's proposed revisions and assessed the appropriateness of the proposed practices. OHCA decisions will be included in the OHCA's Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) agenda packet for the Jan. 9[,] 2025, meeting.

The approved changes are effective for Oklahoma Complete Health and Oklahoma Complete Health Children's Specialty Program members for dates of service on or after Feb. 1, 2025.

If you have any questions or comments about the implementation of this request to change service provisions, please contact Oklahoma Complete Health at 833-752-1664 or Oklahoma Complete Health Children's Specialty Program at 833-752-1665, or online at OklahomaCompleteHealth.com.

Thank you for your continued service to Oklahoma's SoonerCare and SoonerSelect members.

Sincerely,

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Interim State Medicaid Director