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I/T/U Public Notice 2021-04

March 19, 2021

RE: Oklahoma Health Care Authority Proposed COVID-19 Disaster Relief Request

Dear Tribal Representative:

The purpose of this letter is to give you notice of the proposed COVID-19 disaster relief request that was submitted to CMS on March 19, 2021.

In response to the public health emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services invoked his authority to waive or modify certain requirements of titles XVIII, XIX, and XXI of the Social Security Act to assist states in responding to the COVID-19 national emergency. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is allowing states to request flexibilities which revise policies related to eligibility, enrollment, benefits, premiums, cost sharing, and payments outlined in their Medicaid state plans as well as Section 1115 demonstrations. The flexibilities ensure sufficient health care items and services are available to meet the needs of Medicaid members and to ensure health care providers who furnish such services in good faith, but are unable to comply with one or more of such requirements as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, may be reimbursed for services absent any determination of fraud or abuse.

OHCA requested the following COVID-19 related policy change through a disaster relief state plan amendment with an effective date of March 15, 2021:

On March 15, 2021, CMS increased the Medicare payment rate for the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. Effective for services furnished on or after March 15, 2021, the OHCA will reimburse eligible providers the new Medicare payment rate of \$40 for each administration of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The proposed request will be in effect until the termination of the public health emergency.

The OHCA values consultation with tribal governments and will strive to provide your representatives up-to-date information regarding the requests submitted to CMS.



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Additionally, this item will be discussed in the upcoming face-to-face tribal consultation on May 4, 2021.

Sincerely,

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