

## Mission

To create and promote collaborative relationships among the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, tribal health care stakeholders, sovereign tribal governments, federal agencies and nontraditional partners through meaningful communication. We strive to maximize partnerships to achieve shared goals and improve the health outcomes of Oklahomans.



## Enrollment

Enrollment with 78 ITUs and tribal governments has resulted in increased access to care and services within the tribal community.

# 24,984

**TOTAL APPROVED APPLICATIONS  
SUBMITTED BY ITU AGENCY  
VIEW PARTNERS IN SFY 2022**

# 48,579

ITUs & tribal communities partnered with OHCA to connect new Medicaid Expansion members beginning in June 2021.

“The OHCA has always been a good partner to ITUs. I have worked in health care for more than 25 years and the longstanding partnership we experience daily with OHCA is very important to our mutual patients.”

**Marty Wafford, Chair of Southern Plains Tribal Health Board**



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Health Care Authority



## Spotlight

Projects that support tribal health care programs



### PHE Unwinding

During an unprecedented national public health emergency, OHCA's TGR team has collaborated with ITUs to ensure regular and timely updates are provided. In addition, OHCA cobranded with tribal partners on communication to tribal communities about the unwinding of the PHE. The TGR team was highlighted as a best-practice by CMS for our data sharing efforts with ITUs to assist their direct outreach.



### ITU Shared Savings

In 2021, Senate Bill 434 Tribal Shared Savings was passed and promulgated into state law. The legislation supported an initiative that began with tribal partners with the goals of increasing care coordination for AI/AN SoonerCare members and leveraging the 100% FMAP to save state dollars. A full year of the program has realized these goals, and the efforts are underway to further increase savings.



## Tribal Engagement

- ◆ 84 Provider Outreach Events
- ◆ 19 Presentations
- ◆ 18 Taskforce Meetings
- ◆ 3 Partner Support Events
- ◆ 2 Community Outreach Events
- ◆ 1 Tribal Leader Meeting

### 127 Outreach Events

The OHCA TGR team visited numerous tribal communities throughout the state. The goal of these outreach efforts is to connect with SoonerCare members and partners to increase awareness of the SoonerCare program and build collaborative partnerships.

### SoonerCare Tribal Consultation Annual Meeting

Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) and Southern Plains Tribal Health Board (SPTHB) partner each year to host SoonerCare Tribal Consultation Annual Meeting (TCAM) which encourages open dialogue, meaningful discussions, collaboration opportunities, and to achieve common goals.

### Bi-Monthly Tribal Consultation

OHCA convenes Bi-Monthly Tribal Consultation Meetings (BMT) on the first Tuesday of every odd numbered month. BMT is a formal process to consider items including but not limited to policy, waivers, procedures, legislative mandates and budgets. The goal is to determine impact and opportunities for collaboration with tribal partners.



## Pathways to Community Living

### About Pathways

Money Follows the Person (MFP) transitions qualified Oklahomans from a nursing home back into the community of their choice. MFP Tribal Initiative (Pathways) was modified to work more independently with tribes to give funds more specific to their needs.

### Outreach

Our Team has grown! Addition of two Community Outreach Coordinators who will:

- Engage Tribal Partners
- Attend/Present at Tribal Events Throughout the State
- Maintain Relationships

### Highlights

- ◆ 62 Meetings Held
  - 5 different state partners
  - 7 tribes represented
- ◆ Long-Term Services & Supports Conference
  - Hosted by OHCA
  - 19 tribes from 3 states represented
  - 24 organizations attended
- ◆ Gained New Partnerships
  - 1 full grantee
  - 3 potential 2023 grantees in the works



## Tribal Consultations

- 8 meetings
- 75 items considered

- 24 tribal attendees on average
- 27 tribes/organizations represented on average