



SoonerCare Provider Reimbursement Notice

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Hospital DRG and Other Updates

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Dear Hospital Administrators,

DRG Rebase

OHCA has completed the annual DRG rebase and implemented new hospital base rates and DRG weights effective for discharges beginning October 1, 2018. Letters were mailed and information for the update is available on the OHCA website. OHCA will implement the new Medicare grouper (MS-DRG V36) and make it effective for discharges beginning October 1, 2018.

3% Rate Increase

OHCA implemented a 3% provider rate increase effective October 1, 2018 that effects all DRG hospitals. The base rate or DRG weights will not increase by exactly 3% due to the increase occurring at the same time as the annual DRG rebase.

DSH

This is an update to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) letter dated Friday, July 13, 2018, in reference to FFY2014 Disproportionate Share (DSH) Audit Recoupment. Only those facilities we were recouping from received this letter. On July 26, 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) informed the OHCA that "in light of extensive ongoing litigation in multiple courts, until further notice, CMS will take no action based on the interpretation of 42 C.F.R. § 447.299 reflected in FAQ Nos. 33 and 34 to disallow or seek repayment of any federal DSH funds provided to Oklahoma. Accordingly, it would be appropriate for Oklahoma not to recoup any Medicaid DSH funds on the basis of the policy reflected in these FAQs. Also, in light of the recent decision in Children's Hosp. Ass'n of Texas v. Azar, No. 17-cv-844 (D.D.C. March 2, 2018), CMS will not take action to disallow or seek repayment of any federal DSH funds provided to Oklahoma based on the state's noncompliance with the April 2017 rule (published at 82 Fed. Reg. 16, 114 and codified at 42 U.S.C. § 447.299(c)(10)), as long as the Children's Hospital Ass'n of Texas decision remains operative in its current form. We note that the government has filed a notice of appeal in that case." The Oklahoma Health Care Authority is not taking action until further guidance from CMS is issued.

SHOPP

Due to a legal appeal, there was a slight change in the total amount collected in SHOPP assessments. This change did not cause most providers assessment amounts to change, but did slightly change the amount that will be allocated to most hospitals. These differences will be netted out in the 4th quarter payment which will be made on October 24, 2018. Updated assessment and allocation spreadsheets can be located on the OHCA SHOPP website.

If you have any questions or require additional information please contact me by email at ProvReimb@okhca.org or by phone at (405) 522-7454.

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