

**GOVERNOR** 

## **STATE OF OKLAHOMA** OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2012-02

April 26, 2012

**RE: Co-Pays for American Indian SoonerCare Members** 

Dear SoonerCare Member,

American Indian SoonerCare adults and children with a contract health referral are not to be charged a co-pay for any SoonerCare covered service, including dental and pharmacy. A contract health referral is for medical/dental care provided away from an IHS (Indian Health Service) or tribal health care facility.

Additionally, American Indian SoonerCare members that receive services from Indian Health care providers (IHS, an Indian Tribe, Tribal Organization, or Urban Indian Organization-I/T/U) are also not to be charged a co-pay.

These co-pay rules are a result of federal law and may be found in the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) policies 317:45-11-10 and 317:45-11-12 on the OHCA's public website www.okhca.org/policies-and-rules. If needed, please take a copy of this letter with you when you visit your SoonerCare provider to receive services.

Please note that the information in this letter only applies to American Indians who have one of three tribal documents that help to identify if a person is Native American: Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB Card), a Letter of Descendancy, or Proof of Tribal Enrollment. If you have any questions about the information provided in this letter, please contact Jim Preble, SoonerCare Indian Health Tribal Liaison at (405) 522-7303 or e-mail Jim.Preble@okhca.org.

Sincerely,

Dana Miller

Director, Indian Health Unit