

**CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
WAIVER AUTHORITY**

NUMBER: 11-W-00048/6

TITLE: SoonerCare

AWARDEE: Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA)

Under the authority of section 1115(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (“the Act”), the following waivers are granted to enable Oklahoma (referred to herein as the state) to operate the Oklahoma SoonerCare Medicaid section 1115 demonstration. These waivers are effective beginning January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2031 and are limited to the extent necessary to achieve the objectives described below. These waivers may only be implemented consistent with the approved Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) set forth in the accompanying document.

As discussed in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services’ (CMS) approval letter, the Secretary of Health and Human Services has determined that the Oklahoma SoonerCare section 1115 demonstration, including the granting of the waivers described below, is likely to assist in promoting the objectives of title XIX of the Act.

Except as provide below with respect to expenditure authority, all requirements of the Medicaid program expressed in law, regulation, and policy statements, not expressly waived in this list, shall apply to the demonstration project for the period beginning January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2031.

1. Freedom of Choice

Section 1902(a)(23)(A)

To enable the state to restrict beneficiaries’ freedom of choice of care management providers, and to use selective contracting that limits freedom of choice of certain provider groups to the extent that the selective contracting is consistent with beneficiary access to quality services. No waiver of freedom of choice is authorized for family planning providers.

2. Retroactive Eligibility

Section 1902(a)(34)

To enable the state to waive retroactive eligibility for state plan eligible populations. The waiver of retroactive eligibility does not apply to pregnant women (and during the period of postpartum eligibility beginning on the last day of the pregnancy), children described in section 1902(l)(4) of the Act, the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) and Aged, Blind, and Disabled populations.