

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Section 447.205 Title 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in methods and standards for setting payment rates for services in the SoonerCare program. An ITU notice will be sent to inform tribal partners of this change on August 25, 2023. The proposed changes will be presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting on September 5, 2023 at 11:00 AM via teleconference, additionally the proposed rate changes will be presented at the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) meeting on September 11, 2023 and the OHCA Board Meeting on September 20, 2023. The SPARC and Board meetings will be held at the OHCA offices located at 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., OKC, OK 73105 in the OHCA Board Room.

### **Behavioral Health Acute/Acute II Rate Increases, Effective date: October 1, 2023, contingent upon CMS approval.**

The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) proposes to increase acute rates for freestanding psychiatric hospitals paid on a per diem from \$596.91 to \$664.91. ODMHSAS is also restoring the 15% rate reduction for Acute II facilities and adding a 5% increase to the restored rate, bringing the rate to \$362.30. The rate revisions will take effect October 1, 2023, contingent upon CMS approval.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2024 (nine months) will be an increase in the total amount of \$9,592,050; with \$2,264,233 in the state share. For SFY 2025, the increased total is estimated to be \$12,789,400; with \$3,018,978 in the state share.

### **State Plan Personal Care (SPPC) Rate Revision for Nurse Assessment/Evaluation Visit, Effective date: October 1, 2023, contingent upon CMS approval.**

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority proposes to increase the reimbursement rate for state plan skilled nursing assessment/evaluation visits (code T1001) of \$78.00. The reimbursement rate for T1001 will be revised to correlate with the corresponding reimbursement rate of \$97.50 for the ADvantage waiver and other 1915(c) waivers.

The estimated budget impact for SFY 2024 (nine months) will be an increase in the total amount of \$131,625; with \$43,000 in the state share. For SFY 2025, the increased total is estimated to be \$163,800 with \$57,330 in the state share.

Interested persons may visit [oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notices](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notices) to view a copy of the public notice(s) and visit [oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes) to view a copy of the proposed state plan amendment and a link to provide public comments on the proposal. Persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed state plan amendments may do so via mail by writing to: Oklahoma Health Care Authority, Federal Authorities Unit, 4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, or by email at [federal.authorities@okhca.org](mailto:federal.authorities@okhca.org). Written comments or requests for copies of the proposed state plan amendments will be accepted by contacting OHCA as indicated. Comments submitted through the OHCA policy blog will be available for review online at [oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/proposed-changes). Other written comments are available upon request at [federal.authorities@okhca.org](mailto:federal.authorities@okhca.org). Comments will be accepted from August 25 through September 9, 2023.