

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, 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. An ITU notice was sent to inform tribal partners of these changes on October 25, 2024, and again on February 19, 2026. The proposed changes were presented at the Tribal Consultation meeting initially on November 5, 2024, and again on March 3, 2026. The changes were presented to the OHCA Board on June 26, 2026.

### **Justice-Involved Youth; Effective date: July 1, 2026, contingent upon CMS approval**

Planning efforts and services will be coordinated in partnership with the Office of Juvenile Affairs, Department of Corrections, Department of Human Services, and Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

The proposed state plan amendment implements Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. The amendment requires the State to provide certain Medicaid-covered services to eligible justice-involved youth under the age of 21 and Former Foster Care Youth up to the age of 26 during the 30 days prior to their release. Additionally, the State will provide physical and behavioral health screenings and diagnostic services and targeted case management for 30 days prior to release and 30 days post-release. Payment for services will be made in accordance with the State's Behavioral Health fee schedule.

The Office of Juvenile Affairs and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will provide the targeted case management services and retain responsibility for the state share Medicaid expenditure. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2027 is \$192,625, with \$64,295 in state share. The estimated budget impact for SFY 2028 is \$466,184, with \$155,600 in state share.

Interested persons may visit [oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notice](https://oklahoma.gov/ohca/policies-and-rules/public-notice) 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 from June 26, 2026 through July 10, 2026.