

**Oklahoma Health Care Authority**  
4545 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Ste. 124  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
(405) 522-7300



---

# BUDGET UPDATE

*March 11, 2010*

**Media Contact: Jo Kilgore, OHCA Public Information Manager**  
(405) 522-7474

OHCA budget actions

Like other state agencies, the OHCA's general appropriations for state fiscal year 2010 were cut by 7.5 percent, or almost \$44 million in state funds.

In order to meet the balanced budget requirement, the OHCA board authorized agency staff to take the needed steps to reduce the budget. One of these steps was an across-the-board provider rate reduction of 6.75 percent which was scheduled to go into effect April 1.

However, on Feb. 17, OHCA was notified that state leadership had reached a budget agreement. The OHCA's budget was provided some relief through use of federal stimulus funds and state reserves. State leaders asked that the funds be used to roll back part of the overall provider rate cut. At their March 11 meeting, the board directed that the rate cut be scaled back by 3.5 percent. The remaining 3.25 percent provide rate cut is effective April 1.

#30#