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In Re: OHCA reaction to Legislature's budget agreement

OKLAHOMA CITY – Response from Mike Fogarty, chief executive officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority: “I want to personally thank Gov. Brad Henry, Senate President Pro Tem Glenn Coffee, House Speaker Chris Benge and the other budget negotiators for prioritizing the people we serve and their health care services. We believe this announcement will allow us to continue serving thousands of people coming into the SoonerCare program each month without any additional cuts in services or provider rates. I think this is a reflection of the confidence they have in the Oklahoma Health Care Authority running an efficient program. Sen. Brian Crain and Rep. Doug Cox have done a great job stressing the importance of this health care program to their colleagues. During the next few days, we will learn of the details and the expectations for the appropriation but, upon approval, I am confident we will be able to file a balanced budget July 1 that does not cut any additional provider rates or reduce any services.”

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