

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 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 in the SoonerCare program. The following method change will necessitate an amendment to the Oklahoma Medicaid State Plan. The proposed changes were presented at the State Plan Amendment Rate Committee (SPARC) meeting on March 10, 2020 at 1:00 PM in the OHCA boardroom and at the OHCA Board meeting on March 30, 2020 at 3:30 PM via teleconference.

OK SPA 20-0020 Therapy Assistants, Effective date: January 1, 2021, contingent upon CMS approval.

The OHCA will seek approval of a State Plan Amendment (SPA) to revise/add coverage and reimbursement methodologies for licensed physical and occupational therapy assistants and licensed speech language pathology assistants (SLPAs) and clinical fellows. The proposed revisions will outline provider qualifications and other requirements for provision of therapy services. Assistants will be paid 85% of the rate paid to fully-licensed physical and occupational therapists as well as speech-language pathologists.

The estimated budget impact for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021 will be an increase in the total amount of \$2,297,680; with \$856,116 state share. The estimated budget impact for SFY2022 will be an increase in the total amount of \$4,595,360; with \$1,493,492 state share.

Interested persons may visit www.okhca.org/PolicyBlog to view a copy of the proposed state plan amendment, public notice(s), and a link to provide public comments on the proposal. Due to the current public health emergency and the associated social distancing guidelines, persons wishing to present their views in writing or obtain copies of the proposed state plan amendment 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. Written comments or requests for copies of the proposed state plan amendment will be accepted by contacting OHCA as indicated. Comments submitted through the OHCA policy blog will be available for review online at www.okhca.org/PolicyBlog. Other written comments are available upon request at federal.authorities@okhca.org. Comments were accepted June 18, 2020 through July 18, 2020.