



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2012-28

May 10, 2012

Re: Update on Prospective Payment System Reimbursement for FQHCs

Dear Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Provider,

We wanted to update you on the progress we are making in regard to adding Licensed Behavioral Health Professionals (LBHPs) to the list of core providers that can be reimbursed under the Prospective Payment System (PPS) to FQHCs under our State Plan.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) submitted a state plan amendment (SPA) to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on December 29, 2011. We received a request for additional information (RAI) from CMS on February 27, 2012. They requested a copy of the public notice and an estimate of the budget impact. The Oklahoma Primary Care Association (OKPCA) worked with the Health Centers to develop a budget impact and provided it to OHCA on May 2, 2012. OHCA in turn submitted the requested information to CMS on May 4, 2012.

Once CMS reviews the submitted information we hope for a speedy approval. However, please be reminded that any billing of the PPS rate for services provided by LBHPs prior to the approval of the SPA will place the Health Center at risk for recoupment.

If you have any questions please contact Kelly Botten at (405) 522-7108 or via email at Kelly.Botten@okhca.org.

OHCA appreciates your continued patience as we work collaboratively to resolve this matter. As always, we thank you for your commitment to providing quality services to our SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Paul Keenan MD".

J. Paul Keenan, MD, FACS
Chief Medical Officer