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RE: Patient Centered Medical Home Behavioral Health Screenings

Dear SoonerCare Choice Tier Three Medical Home Provider:

Part of the responsibilities as a SoonerCare Choice tier three medical home is behavioral health screening. A positive screening result necessitates brief intervention and potentially referral for treatment (SBIRT). This letter is to notify you of an agency initiative to make sure you and your staff has the tools and the resources needed to perform this required SBIRT process.

Beginning January 15, 2011, staff from the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) Behavioral Health Department will be scheduling an on site visit. During that visit these behavioral health SBIRT staff will provide education on the screening tool; how to easily integrate the tool in your current practice; and how and when to bill for the intervention and referral for treatment.

In addition, these staff will provide you a list of behavioral health providers who will be available to assess members within 3 business days of the referral. Finally, they will ensure the behavioral health provider sends you a copy of the member's full assessment for your records.

We believe this assistance will provide greater access to members needing behavioral health services. Enclosed is an information brochure about the process.

If you would like additional information prior to your on site visit, please feel free to contact the Behavioral Health SBIRT staff at 405-522-7475.

Thank you for your continued support of our SoonerCare and Insure Oklahoma Individual Plan members

Sincerely,
/s/

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