



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2016-13

July 29, 2016

RE: Behavioral Health Updates – Effective September 1, 2016

Dear Provider,

This letter is to inform you of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority's (OHCA) policy changes promulgated through the 2016 legislative session per the Administrative Procedures Act. All policy changes are effective September 1, 2016, and will be posted to the [policy website](#) on that date. In the interim, comprehensive summaries of the changes are listed below. Please note, the Oklahoma Administrative Code (OAC) links identified below will be updated with the new policy changes on September 1, 2016. Please forward this letter to your administrative, billing, and compliance departments.

These rule changes were posted to the OHCA Proposed Policy Changes [website](#) on December 16, 2015 through January 15, 2016 or January 15, 2016 through February 16, 2016 during the 2016 permanent rule making session.

Beginning September 1, 2016:

Case management clean up

Outpatient behavioral health agency policy at OAC [317:30-5-240.3](#), [317:30-5-249](#), [317:30-5-660.3](#), [317:30-5-661.4](#), [317:30-5-664.1](#), and [317:30-5-664.5](#) is amended. OAC [317:30-5-595](#), [317:30-5-596](#), and [317:30-5-599](#) are revoked, and OAC 317:30-5-241.6 is added to transfer coverage guidelines and provider requirements for case management services to another part of rules addressing guidelines for services provided by Outpatient Behavioral Health Agencies. This change is being made to reduce provider confusion and to organize outpatient behavioral health agency service rules in a way that is more comprehensive and easily understood by SoonerCare providers and members.

Assessment requirements

Biopsychosocial policy at OAC [317:30-5-241.1](#) is revised to allow providers more flexibility in conducting biopsychosocial assessments by removing specific required elements. This change in policy will align the assessment requirements in OHCA rules with those in the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) contract.

Health Home certification clean up

Health Home policy at OAC [317:30-5-251](#) and [317:30-5-252](#) is amended to clean up and clarify inconsistencies between OHCA rules and Health Home Certification. SoonerCare Health Homes for adults with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and Children with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED) were implemented in February 2015. Since implementation, some inconsistencies between OHCA rules and Health Home Certification rules administered by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) have been identified, and are clarified in the revisions.

This letter is provided for informational purposes only. The OHCA encourages you to review each rule change in its entirety. If you have any questions regarding the information provided in this letter, please contact (800) 522-0114.

Thank you for the services you provide to our SoonerCare members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard".

Rebecca Pasternik-Ikard
State Medicaid Director