



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2016-11

July 29, 2016

RE: Pharmacy 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:

Freedom of choice policy at OAC [317:30-3-14](#) is revised to strengthen the consequences of not adhering to the lock-in restrictions by sanctioning members who have been locked in with a single prescriber and pharmacy.

Pharmacy policy is revised at OAC [317:30-5-72.1](#) to reflect guidance in federal law regarding included and excluded prescription drug coverage. The revisions also serve to update the list of covered over-the-counter drugs. Additionally, changes will also update items within the State Plan to reflect most recent federal guidance.

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