



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2016-14

July 29, 2016

RE: Eligibility 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:

Income, resource and payment standards clarification

Eligibility policy at OAC [317:35-6-37](#), [317:35-6-39](#), [317:35-6-64.1](#), and [317:35-7-48](#) is amended to clean up language where policy references Appendix C-1 (Maximum Income, Resource, and Payment Standards) which is a Department of Human Services (DHS) document. The language Appendix C-1 will be replaced with SoonerCare Income Guidelines when referencing eligibility groups for which the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) now determines eligibility. AMENDING Agency rules at OAC [317:35-6-64.1](#) and [317:35-7-48](#) to update Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) policy to mirror Federal regulations on MAGI eligibility determinations. Policy states that health benefits are continued when SoonerCare case closure is due to the receipt of new or increased child support. However, under MAGI rules, a case would never be closed due to child support income because child support income is not counted for determining income eligibility.

Home equity guidelines

Long-term care eligibility policy at OAC [317:35-5-41.8](#) is revised to be consistent with federal regulations. Changes include allowing the home equity resource limit to be increased annually based on the consumer price index. In addition, revisions allow an individual to reduce their home equity through the use of a reverse mortgage or home equity loan. Revisions also clarify home exemption criteria for persons living in the home and update financial eligibility determination regarding how annuities are counted.

Countable resource clarification

Countable income and resources policy at OAC [317:35-5-41.1](#) and [317:35-5-41.6](#) is revised to modify countable resource rules which stated that home property in a revocable trust retained

certain exemptions outlined in another section of policy. Home property in a revocable trust does not retain those exemptions; thus, it was deleted from policy.

PACE enrollment

Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) policy at OAC [317:35-18-5](#) and [317:35-18-8](#) is amended to provide clarification on enrollment standards for members who voluntarily dis-enroll and wish to transfer from one PACE site to another PACE site to align with current business practices.

Application procedures

Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) policy at OAC [317:40-1-1](#) is amended to allow active military personnel who applied for HCBS in another state to have the application date honored in the state of Oklahoma. Revisions also include language clean up.

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,



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