



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2016-18

July 29, 2016

**RE: Urine Drug Screening 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](#) from 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:**

Laboratory services and urine drug screening/testing policy at OAC [317:30-5-20](#) and [317:30-5-20.1](#) is amended to establish rules for the appropriate administration of urine drug screening and testing to align with recommended allowances based on clinical evidence and standards of care. Criteria include: purpose for urine testing, coverage requirements, non-covered testing, provider qualifications, and medical record documentation requirements necessary to support medical necessity. Additionally, revisions include clean-up to reimbursement language from general laboratory services policy. Further revisions to urine drug screening policy clarify the difference between quantitative and qualitative testing and when quantitative urine drug screening is an appropriate test to utilize. Changes are made to general laboratory services policy to clarify appropriate billing for detection of individual infectious organisms.

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