

# Oklahoma *SoonerCare* Update

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## ***SoonerCare* Adjusts Flu Reimbursement**

Due to the nationwide shortage of flu vaccine, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) is urging its contracted providers to follow the recommended guidelines in administering flu vaccinations to high risk persons as stated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Flu resources include the Oklahoma State Department of Health web site at <http://www.health.state.ok.us/program/cdd/flu/index.html> and the CDC flu page at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

As the flu vaccine is currently unavailable through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, effective October 1, 2004, the OHCA will reimburse *SoonerCare* PCP/CMs for the cost of flu vaccine for their panel members younger than 21 years of age in accordance with the Medicaid FFS schedule, until the time the flu vaccine is available through the VFC program. The Oklahoma State Department of Health has notified the OHCA that it expects to receive its requested VFC program flu vaccine within six to eight weeks and we have requested that they notify OHCA when it becomes available. We are requesting that you, as a *SoonerCare* provider, check with your local county health department on an ongoing basis as to the availability of the flu vaccine through the VFC program. If flu vaccine is not available through the VFC program, providers may submit the appropriate CPT code, either 90657 or 90658, to be reimbursed for the cost of the flu vaccine based on the Medicaid FFS schedule. If providers receive their flu vaccine through the VFC program they will not be reimbursed by the OHCA for the cost of the vaccine. (The cost for *administering* the flu vaccine to members younger than 21 years of age is included in the capitation rates.)

If a PCP/CM does not have enough flu vaccine for his or her assigned *SoonerCare* members under the age of 21 years, the PCP/CM should refer those members to another Medicaid provider who does have the flu vaccine available. With an accompanying referral, the OHCA will reimburse the rendering Medicaid provider for the administration fee and the cost of the flu vaccine in accordance with the Medicaid FFS schedule.

Costs for the administration fee and the flu vaccine for adult members (21 years and older) enrolled in the *SoonerCare* program are included in the *SoonerCare* capitation rates. No additional reimbursement will be made to *SoonerCare* PCP/CMs for flu vaccinations administered to their assigned members over the age of 21 years.

**Contracts will be posted on the agency web site  
by Monday, October 25, 2004.**