

REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR INPATIENT SERVICES  
between  
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY  
and  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
OKLAHOMA CITY AREA INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

**ARTICLE I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is for the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) and Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service (Provider) to establish a formal process for Provider to bill and collect from OHCA for inpatient services provided by the Provider to eligible American Indian/Alaskan Native members in Oklahoma Medicaid programs, known as SoonerCare.

**ARTICLE II. THE PARTIES**

**2.1 OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

- a) OHCA is the single state agency that the Oklahoma Legislature has designated through 63 Okla. Stat. § 5009(B) to administer Oklahoma's Medicaid Program.
- b) OHCA has authority to enter into this Agreement pursuant to 63 Okla. Stat. § 5006(A). OHCA's Chief Executive Officer has authority to execute this Agreement on OHCA's behalf pursuant to 63 Okla. Stat. § 5008(B).

**2.2 PROVIDER**

- a) Provider is a facility under the Indian Health Service (IHS), an agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and is authorized by the United States Congress under the Snyder Act and the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (IHCA), 25 U.S.C. § 1601 et seq., to provide a range of healthcare services to eligible American Indians and Alaska Natives, to the extent resources are available.
- b) Provider (1) is a facility that meets criteria to provide inpatient services under the Medicaid program, and (2) is accredited in accordance with Federal statutes and regulations.
- c) Provider has authority to enter into this Agreement pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1396j.
- d) Provider's employees acting within the scope of their employment are covered by the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671-2680). Nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to authorize or obligate any employee to operate outside the scope of his/her employment. Provider shall not be required to acquire insurance, provide indemnification, or guarantee that the OHCA will be held harmless.

**2.3 DEFINITION**

Member means a person receiving health care benefits from a SoonerCare program and is eligible for services by IHS pursuant to eligibility requirements set forth in the IHCA, Federal regulations at 42 C.F.R. Part 136 (2005), and other applicable Federal law.

Health services at Provider are generally unavailable to persons who are not eligible IHS beneficiaries except in emergencies and under certain circumstances described in the IHCIA. The parties agree that no clause, term or condition in this Agreement shall be construed in any way to change, reduce, expand, or alter the eligibility requirements for services by IHS.

### **ARTICLE III. TERM**

- 3.1 This Agreement shall be effective upon completion when: (i) it is signed or otherwise acknowledged as accepted by OHCA and the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service; and (ii) all necessary documentation has been received and verified by OHCA.
- 3.2 This Agreement shall automatically renew for one (1) year terms for a period of four (4) years. The final expiration date for this Agreement is March 31, 2025.
- 3.3 Neither party shall assign or transfer any rights nor obligations under this Agreement without the other party's prior written consent except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

### **ARTICLE IV. SCOPE OF WORK**

- 4.1 Each Professional is an individual who has executed a current individual provider agreement appropriate to Professional's type with OHCA for delivery of healthcare services and has assured compliance with state and federal law.
- 4.2 In compliance with 42 CFR § 447.10(g), Provider states that each Professional is one of the following:
  - a. An employee of Provider, who is required as a condition of employment to turn over his or her fees to Provider;
  - b. A Professional who has made Provider his or her agent for the submission of claims on Professional's behalf for healthcare services performed by Professional and to receive payment for such claims on Professional's behalf; or
  - c. A healthcare professional who has a contract with Provider, which Provider is a foundation, plan, or similar organization operating as an organized healthcare delivery system, under which contract Provider submits claims and receives payment for services rendered by Professional.
- 4.3 Provider shall keep Provider's listing of Professionals current by modifying information online in the Electronic Provider Enrollment (EPE) file, including each deletion or addition of a Professional at least fifteen calendar days prior to such occurrence.
- 4.4 In the event of death, sudden illness or infirmity, unexpected license discipline, unexpected resignation, or similar event, Provider shall modify their information as soon as possible in EPE.
- 4.5 Payment for Services:
  - a. OHCA shall pay Provider for services in accordance with the appropriate part of OHCA's Provider Manual.
  - b. Provider shall accept payment from OHCA by direct deposit to Provider's financial institution. OHCA shall make payment in accordance with the information supplied by Provider on an electronic funds transfer (EFT) form. Provider shall update direct deposit information as needed by sending a signed EFT form to OHCA.
- 4.6 Billing Procedures:

- a. Provider agrees all claims shall be submitted to OHCA in a format acceptable to OHCA and in accordance with OHCA Provider Manual. Electronic and/or Internet submitted claims may receive priority handling.
- b. If Provider enters into a billing service agreement, Provider shall be responsible for the accuracy and integrity of all claims submitted on Provider's behalf by the billing service.
- c. Provider shall not use a billing service or any other entity as a factor pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.10.
- d. Provider is responsible for verifying a patient's appropriate eligibility for services through OHCA's Eligibility Verification System (EVS).

#### **ARTICLE V. LAWS APPLICABLE**

- 5.1 The parties to this Agreement acknowledge and expect that over the term of this Agreement, laws may change. Specifically, the parties acknowledge and expect (i) federal Medicaid statutes and regulations, (ii) applicable state Medicaid statutes and rules, and (iii) any other laws cited in this Agreement may change. The parties shall be mutually bound by applicable changes.
- 5.2 The Provider agrees, consistent with IHS statutory authority, to comply with all applicable federal Medicaid statutes, regulations, policies, and relevant rules of OHCA. IHS, as a federal agency, is not otherwise subject to Oklahoma State laws, but agrees to follow Oklahoma health and safety laws for reimbursement purposes.
- 5.3 The parties acknowledge that Provider is a non-taxable entity, and as such, neither collects nor remits any type of local, state, or Federal tax.
- 5.4 In lieu of binding arbitration, the parties agree to meet and confer in good faith to resolve any problems or disputes that may arise with regard to performance or interpretation of any of the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement and any addenda thereto shall be governed and construed in accordance with Federal law of the United States. In the event of a conflict between the Agreement and applicable Federal Law, the parties acknowledge that Federal law will prevail and supersede the terms of such Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to constitute an acknowledgement that Provider is governed by any state law not expressly agreed to within this Agreement.
- 5.5 The venue for all legal actions arising from this Agreement shall be in the United States District Court, Western District of Oklahoma.

#### **ARTICLE VI. AUDIT AND INSPECTION**

- 6.1 As required under 42 C.F.R. §431.107, Provider shall keep such records as are necessary to disclose fully the extent of service provided to members and shall furnish records and any information for such service to OHCA, the Oklahoma Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), and the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services. Provider agrees to keep records to disclose the services it provides for the longer of (i) six years from the date of service or (ii) as delineated in the applicable Federal retention schedule. Provider shall not destroy or dispose of records, which are under audit, review or investigation, until the longer retention period above is met and Provider is informed in writing by the auditing, reviewing or investigating agency that the audit, review or investigation is complete.

- 6.2 Authorized representatives of OHCA, MFCU, the Oklahoma State Auditor and Inspector, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall have the right to make physical inspection of Provider's place of business and to examine records relating to financial statements or claims submitted by Provider under this Agreement and to audit Provider financial records as provided by 42 C.F.R. § 431.107. If Provider fails to submit records to OHCA or its agent within reasonable specified timeframes, all SoonerCare payments may be suspended until records are submitted.

## **ARTICLE VII. CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 7.1 Provider and OHCA agree that SoonerCare member information is confidential pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1396a(a)(7) and 42 C.F.R. § 431:300-306. Provider shall not release the information governed by these Medicaid requirements to any entity or person without proper authorization.
- 7.2 Provider and OHCA agree to comply with the applicable provisions of the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. §552a; Privacy Act Regulations, 45 C.F.R. Part 5b; Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 290dd-2; Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records, 42 C.F.R. Part 2; Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1320D-1320d-9; HIPAA Regulations, 45 C.F.R. Parts 160 and 164, and the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009.
- 7.3 Provider must report a known impermissible use or disclosure of a Member's protected health information that is subject to this Agreement to the OHCA Privacy and Confidentiality Officer within 48 hours of knowledge an unauthorized act by the OCAIHS Privacy Coordinator. An impermissible use or disclosure is considered "known" on the earliest date that Provider has actual knowledge of the violation or, on the date when, by exercising reasonable diligence, it would have been known to the Provider. Failure to report may result in immediate termination of the Agreement.
- 7.4 Provider shall have written policies and procedures governing the use and removal of patient records from Providers facility. The patient's written consent shall be required for release of information not authorized by law, which such consent shall not be required for state and federal Medicaid personnel working with records of Medicaid members. All data, reports, research, and records generated, collected, or prepared by IHS shall be deemed owned by IHS.
- 7.5 IHS shall notify OHCA when fraud or abuse by and employee or contractor is suspected or discovered, or when an employee or contractor has been excluded from participation in Medicare or Medicaid.

## **ARTICLE VIII. TERMINATION**

- 8.1 This Agreement may be terminated by three methods: (i) either party may terminate this Agreement for cause with a thirty day written notice to the other party; (ii) either party may terminate this Agreement without cause with a sixty day written notice to the other party; or (iii) OHCA may terminate the Agreement immediately (a) to protect the health and safety of Medicaid recipients, (b) upon evidence of fraud, (c) pursuant to Paragraph 2.2(b) above.
- 8.2 In the event funding of the SoonerCare from the State, Federal or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited in any way after the effective date of this Agreement and

prior to the anticipated Agreement expiration date, this Agreement may be terminated immediately by OHCA.

**ARTICLE IX. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision, and the invalid provision shall be wholly disregarded.

**ARTICLE X. OTHER PROVISIONS**

- 10.1 The representations made in this memorialization of the Agreement constitute the sole basis of the parties' contractual relationship. No oral representation by either party relating to services covered by this Agreement shall be binding on either party. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be in writing and signed by both parties.
- 10.2 Titles and subheadings used in this Agreement are provided solely for the reader's convenience and shall not be used to interpret any provision of this Agreement.
- 10.3 OHCA does not create and Provider does not obtain any license by virtue of this Agreement. OHCA does not guarantee Provider will receive any Members, and Provider does not obtain any property right or interest in any SoonerCare member business by this Agreement.
- 10.4 This Agreement replaces Provider's existing inpatient services agreement, if any, in its entirety.

**For the Oklahoma Health Care Authority:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Kevin Corbett, or his designee  
Title: Chief Executive Officer, or his designee  
  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**For the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
RADM Travis Watts  
Area Director  
  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_