

State-Directed Payments and Provider Incentives

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority



Oklahoma Health Care Authority distributes payments to qualifying providers under the SoonerSelect Provider Incentive Directed Payment Program. This program incentivizes health care providers to offer premium preventive and primary care services to SoonerSelect members.

Section 3241.3 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, as amended by Oklahoma Senate Bill 1396 (2022), created the managed care provider funding.

Eligible Providers Types

- Advanced practice nurse
- Anesthesiologist assistant
- Licensed behavioral health practitioner
- Mental health provider
- Mid-level practitioner
- Physician
- Podiatrist

This excludes providers who are:

- Eligible for a separate state-directed payment, including Academic Medical Center-affiliated physicians and community mental health centers (CMHCs).
- A non-hospital-based clinic (e.g., FQHC, RHC, ITU clinics, certified community behavioral health clinics and dental clinics).
- A therapy group (OT/PT/ST/RT).

Payment Process

- OHCA pulls claims data for the payment period.
- OHCA creates a provider list from that data and sends it to Health Information Exchange (HIE).



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- HIE determines which providers use HIE. (Timeframe: 2 weeks.)
- Once OHCA receives the updated list from HIE, the provider incentive payments are calculated.
- OHCA sends the list of providers and payment amounts to the contracted entities (CEs), who assign which provider each CE will be responsible for paying. (Timeframe: 2-3 weeks.)
- Once the CEs communicate the assignments, OHCA makes the payments to the CEs for distribution to the providers. (Timeframe: 5 business days.)

Payment Distribution

The fixed pool of \$109,998,928 is distributed the same as program year 1, with the following changes:

- **Tier 1:** \$25 per paid encounter for a negative SBIRT screening, after-hour care and well-child visits.
- **Tier 2:** 16.16% of the remaining portion of the pool for non-HIE connected providers.
- **Tier 3:** 24.23% of the remaining portion of the pool for HIE-connected providers.

While only services provided by in-network providers were eligible for payments under the SDP for year 1, services provided by either in-network or out-of-network providers will be eligible for payments under this SDP for SFY2026. Providers must complete some documentation with the plans to receive payment.

Criteria is based on the rendering and billing providers observed in historical professional services claims data for rendering and billing provider type and specialty classifications for each site. Some entities may have multiple types of specialty classifications, and the payments are distributed based on the specialty classification of each location.

Payment Cadence

As of February 2026, OHCA has moved to a bimonthly review and payout to facilitate more frequent payouts, providing six payouts per year. This will work in tandem with the SoonerSelect value-based incentive pay for performance.

Reports are generated and published to the OHCA public website after each provider incentive payment. These reports reflect all providers and dollars paid.

