



STATE OF OKLAHOMA  
OKLAHOMA HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

OHCA 2016-01

Aug. 12, 2016

**Re: SoonerCare Policy Changes**

Dear SoonerCare Member,

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) has made some policy changes to the SoonerCare program.

**Beginning Sept. 1, 2016:**

All home property placed in a revocable trust will now count against the maximum resource standard of \$2,000 for an individual or \$3,000 for an individual and spouse. Home property from a revocable trust and under the direct control of an individual, spouse or legal representative used to be exempt if:

- the spouse continued to lawfully reside in the home,
- a child under 21 lawfully resided in the home,
- a blind or permanently and totally disabled child of any age lawfully resided in the home, or
- the denial would result in undue hardship.

*These exemptions will no longer be recognized.* Federal regulations do not allow them. The sum of the revocable trust is now considered a resource available to the individual. A SoonerCare member with home property worth more than the maximum resource standard (\$2,000/\$3,000) must take that property out of the revocable trust in order to remain eligible for SoonerCare. This policy change will only affect the immediate eligibility of those members who currently fall under one of the exemption categories. If you do not have home property in a revocable trust that is exempt from the maximum resource standard, this change does not apply to you.

For more information, please call the SoonerCare Helpline at 800-987-7767.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca Pasternik Ikard".

Rebecca Pasternik Ikard  
State Medicaid Director