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James Scott
Program Operations Director
Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
CMCS Integration - Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group (MCOG)
601 E. 12th Street
Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106


Re: **SoonerCare 1115(a) Research and Demonstration Waiver Amendment**
Request: AI/AN Members with IHS Creditable Coverage

Dear Mr. Scott:

The State formally requests to withdraw the SoonerCare 1115(a) AI/AN Members with Indian Health Service (IHS) Creditable Coverage research and demonstration waiver amendment request. The waiver request was submitted to CMS on March 8, 2023 (Project Number: 11-W00048/6). Upon further consultation, the State has determined that access to IHS and/or tribal-run health care systems cannot be considered creditable coverage. Therefore, it was determined that this waiver amendment is not necessary.

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority appreciates the time and efforts dedicated to this endeavor by CMS and looks forward to further opportunities to work together on state initiatives.

Sincerely,



Traylor Rains
State Medicaid Director