In March 2017, the federal government granted states flexibility in their work requirements for Medicaid members. In October 2017, Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin formed a workgroup on work requirements, signing an executive order in March 2018 directing the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to apply for a waiver that would allow the state to implement these changes. She also signed HB 2932, directing the agency to apply for the waiver so that gaining SoonerCare coverage is dependent upon documentation of certain education, skills training, work or job activities.

In an attempt to solicit community feedback, OHCA extended the public comment period from 30 days to nearly 90 days, opening on July 2, 2018, and closing on Sept. 30, 2018. Below is a summary of OHCA’s efforts and results.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY UPDATE**

- **38** Statewide meetings with stakeholders and community members.
- **15** Public community meetings, including two public hearings.
- **16** Targeted meetings with sister agencies, advocacy groups, provider associations and nonprofit leaders.
- **7** Phone check-ins with state leadership.

**300** Comments sent to a dedicated email address.

**700** Comments submitted through the OHCA website.

**KEY FINDINGS**

- How can members find work?
- How can members find volunteer opportunities?
- Transportation may be a challenge for members.
- Reliable, consistent childcare may also be a challenge.
- Telecommunications access may not be reliable.

**NEXT STEPS**

- OHCA continues to gather comments throughout September.
- OHCA will submit the waiver application in October.
- After a 15-day completeness period, CMS will notify OHCA that the application is complete.
- CMS will then open a 30-day public comment period.
- Comments are then gathered during a 15-day period.
- Negotiations between OHCA and CMS begin.
- The application moves to CMS for a final decision. There is no deadline for this phase.
- If approved, OHCA will begin implementation procedures in February 2019.
A family of 3 at 45% of the federal poverty level earns no more than

$779/MONTH OR $9,348 ANNUALLY

A family of 4 at 45% of the federal poverty level earns no more than

$941/MONTH OR $11,292 ANNUALLY

A family of 3 at 20% of the federal poverty level earns no more than

$340/MONTH OR $4,085 ANNUALLY

A family of 4 at 20% of the federal poverty level earns no more than

$410/MONTH OR $4,920 ANNUALLY

The average family size is 3 with annual income of

$9,396

Excludes 19 year olds (1,173). Number of enrolled adults in household based on case number. Case number is used to group members of same family living in same household. Race is self-reported. Members are non-pregnant. Excludes Insure Oklahoma, SoonerPlan, Oklahoma Cares, Native Americans and foster care (former and current).