

Message from the Chief Executive Officer



In a year of preparation for dramatic change in private and public health coverage in this country, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) continued its tradition of efficiently and responsibly purchasing health goods and services for nearly 1 in 4 Oklahomans. As the state's economy continues to recover, health coverage through SoonerCare and Insure Oklahoma are more important now than ever, ensuring that modest income families and individuals who are elderly or who have disabling conditions have access to necessary health care.

In state fiscal year 2012, OHCA purchased health care services and goods for more than 1 million Oklahomans. While OHCA's total expenditures continue to increase with the growing number of enrollees, the per member cost of SoonerCare has remained virtually flat with an average growth of 1.4 percent per year over the last five years. The remarkable success in containing per member costs is the result of innovation in benefits coverage and reimbursement and state-of-the-art service delivery, while maintaining priority on the purchase of high quality, effective care and treatment.

This agency is leveraging resources to support our member and provider communities. As a way of assisting Oklahoma health care providers in adopting and utilizing new health care technology, OHCA administers the Oklahoma Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive program. The Oklahoma EHR Incentive program provides payments to Oklahoma's qualified health care professionals and hospitals for procuring and meaningfully using certified EHR technology. This program has provided more than \$70 million to more than a thousand Oklahoma health care professionals and hospitals.

In addition, OHCA has multiple programs that address specific needs of Oklahomans. The Authority implemented SoonerEnroll, an innovative partnership that has created a statewide infrastructure and resources for outreach and enrollment, as well as promotion of preventive and early intervention services. With over 700 community partners and SoonerCare enrollment of children exceeding pre-SoonerEnroll projections by 24,604 (December 2011), SoonerEnroll is a successful model of a state agency and local communities working together for a healthy Oklahoma.

Potential and current members continue to utilize the nationally recognized online enrollment system. The online application is highly utilized, with approximately 50 percent choosing that method to apply.

Those projects are a small sample of how the Oklahoma Health Care Authority continued to produce extraordinary results impacting the lives of Oklahomans in 2012. It is my privilege to serve with the dedicated and hardworking OHCA staff that make it all happen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "U. Fogarty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.