



PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE

Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver Application – Reinsurance Program October 1, 2026

Pursuant to 31 CFR 33.112 and 45 CFR 155.1312, notice is hereby given that the Oklahoma Insurance Department (the State) intends to submit a Section 1332 State Innovation Waiver to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of the Treasury seeking approval to implement a reinsurance program. This notice serves to open the 30-day public comment period, which closes on October 31, 2026. The draft waiver is available for review at <https://www.oid.ok.gov/ohim-oklahoma-1332-state-innovation-waiver/>.

Executive Summary and Objectives

The State is requesting federal approval of a Section 1332 Waiver to implement a reinsurance program in the individual market for a five-year period, from Plan Year (PY) 2028 through PY 2032. The goals of the waiver are to improve affordability, increase competition, and expand access to healthcare coverage for residents across the State.

The State is seeking to waive Section 1312(c)(1) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), which requires all individual-market enrollees to be included in a single risk pool. This allows Oklahoma's issuers to factor state reinsurance payments into the market-wide index rate, which lowers premiums in the market compared to what they would have been without the waiver. The proposed reinsurance program will help reduce premiums in high-cost regions of the State with limited issuer participation to make coverage more affordable for Oklahomans.

Program Description

Oklahoma's proposed reinsurance program follows a claims-based model with an attachment point, a cap, and tiered coinsurance rates. The attachment point is where the program will begin to reimburse the issuer for a percentage of high-cost claims up to the cap amount. The coinsurance rate is the percentage of aggregate claims that the program will reimburse. The applied coinsurance rate is based on the rating region.¹ The higher coinsurance rate is applied to traditionally more rural, high-cost regions to bring the premiums in line with the urban areas. Rating regions are grouped into the following tiers for the applied coinsurance rate:

- Tier 1 (higher-cost regions) includes rating regions 1, 2, 5
- Tier 2 (lower-cost regions) includes rating regions 3, 4

Oklahoma will evaluate and set the reinsurance parameters annually. For PY 2028, the State intends to set an attachment point of \$35,000, a cap of \$100,000, and coinsurance rates of 50% in Tier 1 regions and 0% in Tier 2 regions. This is estimated to result in an average premium

¹ A rating region is a specific geographic boundary used by health insurance companies to set and adjust health insurance premium rates under the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Learn more about the counties included in Oklahoma's rating regions in [Oklahoma Geographic Rating Areas: Including State Specific Geographic Divisions](#)



decrease of 4.1% statewide for PY 2028. The reduction in premiums is expected to result in a reduction in federal spending on Premium Tax Credits (PTCs), which the State is requesting as pass-through funding to support the reinsurance program.

Public Comments

Individuals may submit written comments on the draft waiver by email or through the mail.

- Comments may be emailed to 1332waiver@oid.ok.gov by October 31, 2026.
- Comments may be mailed to the following address and must be received by October 31, 2026:

Oklahoma Insurance Department
Attn: State Based Exchange / 1332 Waiver
400 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Public Hearings

The State is hosting two public hearings and a separate hearing for members of Oklahoma's Tribal Nations to provide an overview of the waiver and receive comments from the public.

Public Hearing #1: Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 2:00 PM CT

Virtual Attendance Option

- Pre-registration is required. Please register by 5:00 PM CT on Monday, October 12, 2026.
- Register and receive meeting information at:
<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/12acf70b-0caf-44ae-883d-9e6448896dd1@9a307864-3e98-4f08-b90a-728b62cf32c5?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>

In-Person Attendance Option

- No pre-registration is necessary. Those wishing to provide public comment must sign in no later than 1:55 PM CT.
- Location: Oklahoma Health Care Authority (4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105)

Public Hearing #2: Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 11:00 AM CT

Virtual Attendance Option

- Pre-registration is required. Please register by 5:00 PM CT on Tuesday, October 13, 2026.
- Register and receive meeting information at
<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/13d030d8-5383-4423-917e-e6a7e1fa6971@9a307864-3e98-4f08-b90a-728b62cf32c5?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>

In-Person Attendance Option

- No pre-registration is necessary. Those wishing to provide public comment must sign in no later than 10:55 AM CT.



- Location: Oklahoma Health Care Authority (4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105)

Tribal Hearing: Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 10:00 AM CT

Virtual Attendance Option

- Pre-registration is required. Please register by 5:00 PM CT on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.
- Register and receive meeting information at
<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/1df8aecd-1340-4e7d-9d4f-385716d37708@9a307864-3e98-4f08-b90a-728b62cf32c5?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>

In-Person Attendance Option

- No pre-registration is necessary. Those wishing to provide public comment must sign in no later than 9:55 AM CT.
- Location: Oklahoma Health Care Authority (4345 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105)

Individuals with disabilities requiring special accommodations or individuals requiring language translation services should contact the Oklahoma Insurance Department at 1332waiver@oid.ok.gov by 5:00 PM CT at least three business days before the respective hearing.

Comments received during the public comment period will be reviewed and considered before the State submits its final application to the federal government.