

Drummond orders OHCA to withdraw new rule

Agency sought to add prior authorization for complex tooth extractions

Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond has instructed the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to withdraw its proposed rule affecting Oklahoma dentists and SoonerCare members, citing an “inherently defective rulemaking process under the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act.”

In a letter sent last week to OHCA Director Clay Bullard, Drummond said that out-of-state, for-profit Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) favored the new rule adding prior authorization requirements for complex tooth

extractions because it creates excessive bureaucracy.

“In October 2025, I reminded you that Governor Stitt led the effort to bring out-of-state, for-profit managed care entities into Oklahoma, promising to reduce costs and strengthen preventative care. Clearly, this has been yet another of the Governor’s failures,” Drummond wrote. “It is no secret to Oklahomans that insurance premiums are increasing across the board, including medical and homeowners, while benefits are decreasing. So, it is no surprise that the

dental MCOs are behind a proposal that would create more bureaucracy and red tape. Insurance companies are good at denying claims.”

Drummond said the proposed rule is invalid because OHCA staff changed the language of the rule twice after it was published for a public comment period set for Dec. 15, 2025 to Jan. 15, 2026. Additionally, the version ultimately adopted appeared to give little or no weight to the public comments received, raising questions about whether they were considered at all.

“Interested parties and affected entities were likely commenting on the text of the proposed rule as published on Dec. 15,” Drummond said. “However, it is clear that the OHCA pulled the rug from those individuals and intended to adopt the rules it and the out-of-state, for-profit MCOs wanted.”

Given that the OHCA Board did not meet between Dec. 15 and Jan. 15, Drummond said it is apparent that staff were changing the rules even though the law provides the OHCA Board with the authority to promulgate rules.

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Luke Allan Anderson and Tiffany Renee Malocsay
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Douglas L. Huff and Jennifer Marie Keeling
Peyton Dean Jackson and Shawnte Michelle Pendleton
George Scott Moore and Sheanna Nicole Nash
Mark Wayne Powell and Lori Carleen Reynolds
Adam J. Ramsey and Ashlee Dawn Pruitt

Divorces

Kay Janette Burch vs. Johnny Shane Burch
Cera Mary Jo Livingston vs. Katie Jo Cortner

Protective Orders

Chrystal G. Willms vs. Gavin Boman
Jadelynn Faith Bryan vs. Kinzie Nicole Perry
Stacy Lynn Carey vs. Robert Eugene Jefferson
Ethan Corey Wilson et al vs. James David French
Jesus Ramirez vs. Martha M. Gomez
Jessica Lynn Webb vs. Mark Sholtz

Misdemeanors

State of Oklahoma vs. Axle Lee Baker for failure to maintain insurance or security
State of Oklahoma vs. Bradley Wayne Benton for possession of controlled dangerous substance
State of Oklahoma vs. Brittany Jean Brixey for failure to use child restraint
State of Oklahoma vs. Heather Dawn Buckallew for driving without a valid driver’s license
State of Oklahoma vs. Benjamin L. Carlson for obstructing an officer
State of Oklahoma vs. Qyza Rajheem Clark for threaten to perform act of violence
State of Oklahoma vs. Powell Calvin Cunningham for disturbing the peace
State of Oklahoma vs. Michael Desantis for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked
State of Oklahoma vs. Penny Ann Diaz for driving with

license cancelled/suspended/revoked
State of Oklahoma vs. Aguilar Elias Josue for reckless driving without regard for safety of persons
State of Oklahoma vs. Bo Garrett Elliott for driving without a valid driver’s license
State of Oklahoma vs. Michael J. Gonzales for no offense listed
State of Oklahoma vs. Dustyn Alexander Green for failure to maintain insurance or security
State of Oklahoma vs. David Harms for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked
State of Oklahoma vs. Jessica Marie Harris for public intoxication and disturbing the peace
State of Oklahoma vs. Carlos S. Hernandez for driving without a valid driver’s license
State of Oklahoma vs. Andrew James Jackson for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked
State of Oklahoma vs. Amos Roy Johnson for unauthorized use of a credit card
State of Oklahoma vs. Sandra G. Johnston for failure to maintain insurance or security
State of Oklahoma vs. Tallen Kamumo for assault and battery
State of Oklahoma vs. Emily R. Kauffman for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked
State of Oklahoma vs. Christina Irene Kelley for actual physical control of vehicle under the influence
State of Oklahoma vs. Jessica L. Latshaw for transporting open container
State of Oklahoma vs. Robert Wayne Leighty for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked
State of Oklahoma vs. William Marlatt for public intoxication
State of Oklahoma vs. Joshua R. Mendez for failure to comply with compulsory insurance law
State of Oklahoma vs. Cindy Dawn Miller for larceny of lost property
State of Oklahoma vs. Saniyah R. Morrison for driving without a valid driver’s license
State of Oklahoma vs. Amanda Rena Moss for public intoxication
State of Oklahoma vs. Oliver Albert William Northam for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked
State of Oklahoma vs. Justin Travis Ramsey for driving under the influence

State of Oklahoma vs. Ronda L. Reynolds for failure to maintain insurance or security
State of Oklahoma vs. Santiago Salinas III for actual physical control
State of Oklahoma vs. Tarisa Nicole Sayes for driving without a valid driver’s license
State of Oklahoma vs. Joey Russell Schulz Jr. for driving under the influence
State of Oklahoma vs. Dylan D. Smith for failure to maintain insurance or security
State of Oklahoma vs. Adam B. Stark for driving without a valid driver’s license
State of Oklahoma vs. Marilyn Tennis for larceny of lost property
State of Oklahoma vs. Corey Allen Thomason for larceny of lost property
State of Oklahoma vs. Jonathan D. Tidwell for driving with license cancelled/suspended/revoked
State of Oklahoma vs. Marvin Ralph Zgonc for petit larceny

Felonies

State of Oklahoma vs. Kevin Lee Barton for possession of firearm after former conviction
State of Oklahoma vs. Chase Efton Burk for grand larceny
State of Oklahoma vs. Tonya Downey for grand larceny
State of Oklahoma vs. David Keith Fichtner for stalking
State of Oklahoma vs. Conner John Fitzgerald for feloniously pointing firearm
State of Oklahoma vs. Tomaris Liani Francisco for driving under the influence – aggravated
State of Oklahoma vs. Kylee Nicole Freeze for larceny of automobile, aircraft, or other motor vehicle
State of Oklahoma vs. Thomas Ryan Hill for grand larceny
State of Oklahoma vs. Jeremy Scott Joiner for larceny of automobile, aircraft, or other motor vehicle
State of Oklahoma vs. Albany Diane Mattick for unlawful possession of schedule I or II controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute
State of Oklahoma vs. Anita Rose Thomas for stalking
State of Oklahoma vs. Dustyn Tyler Zimmerman for battery/assault and battery on police officer

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The auction will take place on Saturday April 4, 2026 at 10:00 AM located at 975 West Conner Avenue, Fairland, Oklahoma 74343.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A.M.S., DOB 01/20/2016, A minor child.

Case No. FA-2026-3 NOTICE OF HEARING ON APPLICATION TO TERMINATE BIRTH FATHER'S PARENTAL RIGHTS WITHOUT CONSENT

TO: Thomas Shelby, Respondent

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the hearing on the Application to Terminate Birth Father's Parental Rights without Consent filed by Petitioner, Steven Lee Ray, III, is set for the 29th day of April, 2026 at 11:00 o'clock a.m. at the Ottawa County Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma before the Honorable Matt Whalen.

Dated: February 18, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen Judge of the District Court

Approved as to form and content: /s/ J. Wayne Kennon J. Wayne Kennon OBA #18950 J. Wayne Kennon Law Office 211 East Central PO Box 1460 Miami, Oklahoma 74355 Telephone (918) 542-9191 Fax (918) 542-9192 Attorney for Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF A.M.S., DOB 01/20/2016, A minor child.

Case No. FA-2026-3 NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR ADOPTION

TO: Thomas Shelby, Respondent

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the hearing on the Petition for Adoption filed by Petitioner, Steven Lee Ray, III, is set for the 29th day of April, 2026 at 11:30 o'clock a.m. at the Ottawa County Courthouse in Miami, Oklahoma before the Honorable Matthew Whalen.

Dated: February 18, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen Judge of the District Court

Approved as to form and content: /s/ J. Wayne Kennon J. Wayne Kennon OBA #18950 J. Wayne Kennon Law Office 211 East Central PO Box 1460 Miami, Oklahoma 74355 Telephone (918) 542-9191 Fax (918) 542-9192 Attorney for Petitioner

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Notice To Creditors

To all persons having claims against the Estate of Brenda Marie Gray, Deceased:

You are hereby notified that Brenda Marie Gray died on November 19, 2025 and that the undersigned has been appointed as Personal Representative of her estate in the above titled proceeding pending in the Wyandotte Nation Court, State of Oklahoma, under Case No. PB-2026-0001.

Pursuant to 58 O.S. §241, all creditors having claims against the estate of BRENDA MARIE GRAY, deceased, are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Personal Representative Information

The Personal Representative of the estate is:

LARRY KEITH GRAY
4230 DEER RIDGE ST
NEOSHO, MO 64850

All claims against the estate must be presented to the Personal Representative at the above address by May 8, 2026, which date is hereby fixed as the last date for the presentation of claims against the estate.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA CHRISTINE NICHOLS, DECEASED.

Case No. PB-2026-6 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To the Creditors of Maria Christine Nichols, Deceased:

All creditors having claims against Maria Christine Nichols, Deceased, are required to present the same with a description of all security interests and other collateral (if any) held by each creditor with respect to such claim, to Marcello Nichols, Personal Representative, at the law offices of J. Wayne Kennon, 211 East Central, Miami, Oklahoma 74354, addressed to J. Wayne Kennon, attorney for Marcello Nichols, on or before the following presentment date: May 8, 2026, or the same will be forever barred.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2026.

/s/ Marcello Nichols Marcello Nichols, Personal Representative

Approved as to form: /s/ J. Wayne Kennon

J. Wayne Kennon OBA #18950 J. Wayne Kennon Law Office 211 East Central P. O. Box 1460 Miami, Oklahoma 74354 Telephone (918) 542-9191 Fax (918) 542-9192 Attorney for Personal Representative

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OTTAWA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Edna Mae Woods, Deceased

Case No. PB-26-11 Judge: Whalen NOTICE FOR HEARING PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE, AND FOR DETERMINATION OF HEIRS-AT-LAW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons interested in the Estate of Edna Mae Woods, Deceased, that on the 25th day of February, 2026, Heidi Ruth Woods has filed a Petition in this Court praying for the administration of this Estate, asking that Letters of Administration be issued to her upon the Estate of Edna Mae Woods, Deceased, and requesting this Court determine the identity of all the heirs-at-law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the 24th day of March, 2026, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A.M., of that day, has been appointed as the time for hearing the Petition in Courtroom 3 of the District Court, Probate Division, in the County Courthouse, in the County of Ottawa, Oklahoma, when and where all persons interested may appear and contest the same by filing written opposition thereto on the ground of incompetency of the applicant, or may assert their own

rights to the administration and pray the Letters be issued to them.

DATED this 25th day of February, 2026.

/s/ R. Matt Whalen Judge of the District Court

Cassie Key By /s/ Lauren Davis Deputy Court Clerk

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