

NOTICES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

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ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS)

(AHCCCS FEE-FOR-SERVICE RATE UPDATE)

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This Notice describes final rate changes to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment (AHCCCS) Fee-For-Service (FFS) reimbursement. The total change in FFS payments as a result of the increases is an estimated increase of \$4,496,000.

For dates of service on and after October 1, 2013:

Transplant contracted rates have been increased 3% to address access to care needs.

Dental Rates have an overall aggregate increase in payment of 2%. Individual targeted codes have been increased up to 3.2% to improve access to preventive care.

Behavioral Health rates match recent increases implemented by ADHS/DBHS and reflect ADHS licensure changes: community-based rates have been increased 5.06% and rates for residential levels II and III have been increased approximately 3%.

Emergency Ground Ambulance rates regulated by ADHS have increased aggregate provider payments by 2.5% due to ADHS increases.

Nursing Facility and Home and Community Based Services rates have been increased 1.5% due to cost of living increases.

For dates of service on and after January 1, 2014:

Physician Fee Schedule rates designated for Primary Care Provider rate parity by the Affordable Care Act (E&M codes) have been estimated to increase by 0.9% for eligible providers.

The Notice of Public Information regarding these proposed changes in AHCCCS rates was published in the Arizona Administrative Register on September 20, 2013.

The close of the comment period to the Notice of Public Information was 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2013.

More information regarding these changes to reimbursement can be obtained from the AHCCCS website at: <http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/ProviderBilling/rates/rates.aspx>

Many public libraries offer access to the Internet. In addition, the information can be obtained at the Offices of the AHCCCS Administration, 701 E. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85034.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

[M13-317]

- Title and its heading:** 9, Health Services

Chapter and its heading: 10, Department of Health Services - Health Care Institutions: Licensing

Article and its heading: 1, General

16, Behavioral Health Respite Homes

18, Adult Behavioral Health Therapeutic Homes
- The public information relating to the listed Section:**

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §§ 36-132(A)(17) and 36-405 authorize the Department to license and regulate health care institutions. The Department has implemented A.R.S. §§ 36-132(A)(17) and 36-405 in Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 9, Chapter 10. Laws 2013, Ch. 10, § 13 requires the Department to adopt rules regarding health care institutions that reduce monetary or regulatory costs on persons or individuals including streamlining the regulation process and facilitate licensure of integrated health programs that provide both behavioral and physical health services. The Department has reviewed the rules in 9 A.A.C. 10, Article 16 and has revised the rules by adding standards for collaborating health care institutions and behavioral health respite. In addition, the Department removed adult behavioral health therapeutic homes from Article 16 and created a new Article 18 for adult behavioral health therapeutic homes. The Department revised Article 1 to make consistent with changes made to Articles 16 and 18.

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The Department believes the revised rules comply with requirements in Laws 2013, Ch. 10. This Notice of Public Information provides notice that the Department has posted the draft rules and is soliciting comments from interested persons.

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4. The website where persons may obtain information about the rulemaking:

<http://www.azdhs.gov/ops/oacr/rules/rulemakings/active/index.php>