



NOTICES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Notices of Public Information contain corrections that agencies wish to make to their notices of rulemaking; miscellaneous rulemaking information that does not fit into any other category of notice; and other types of information required by statute to be published in the Register.

Because of the variety of Notices of Public Information, the Office of the Secretary of State has not established a specific publishing format for these notices. We do however require agencies to use a numbered list of questions and answers and follow our filing requirements by presenting receipts with electronic and paper copies.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION - PUBLIC NOTICE
ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS)

[M15-317]

- 1. Name of the Agency: Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
2. The topic of the public information notice: AHCCCS Fee-For-Service (FFS) proposed rates for Air Ambulance Transportation effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2016.
3. The public information relating to the topic: a. This Notice of Public Information describes proposed changes to the AHCCCS FFS rates for Air Ambulance Transportation to be effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2016.
b. The changes for the rates described in this notice are proposed to assure that payments are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care and are sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area.
c. Written comments may be sent to the following address and must be received no later than 5:00 PM on December 30, 2015: Meggan Harley, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85034
d. More information regarding these proposed changes to reimbursement can be obtained from the AHCCCS website at: http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/ProviderBilling/rates/Transportationrates.aspx.
e. 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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- 1. Name of the Agency: Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
2. The topic of the public information notice: AHCCCS Fee-For-Service (FFS) proposed rates for Hospice effective January 1, 2016.
3. The public information relating to the topic: a. This Notice of Public Information describes proposed changes to the AHCCCS FFS rates for Hospice to be effective January 1, 2016.
The AHCCCS Administration is proposing that the Hospice per diem rates be updated to differentiate pay-



ments for Routine Home Care (RHC) based on the member's length of stay. The revision to the RHC per diem rates will result in a higher payment rate for the first 60 days of hospice care and a reduced payment rate for days 61 and beyond of hospice care. For purposes of counting the days, the reimbursement calculation will account for all the days in the episode of care, even where the episode of care began prior to January 1, 2016.

In addition to the changes to the per diem rates for RHC, a Service Intensity Add-On (SIA) payment will be established for services provided by a registered nurse or social worker during the last seven days of a member's life. The SIA payment is in addition to the RHC per diem rate. The SIA payment will be equal to the Continuous Home Care hourly rate multiplied by the hours of nursing or social work provided (up to 4 hours per day) that occurred on the day of service. CMS is expected to create HCPCS codes for use when billing for the SIA.

The AHCCCS Administration estimates that the proposed changes to the hospice rates will result in a fiscal impact of \$94,500 for the period January 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016.

- b. These changes are being made in order to comply with Federal Regulation 42 CFR Part 418.
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- d. More information regarding these changes to reimbursement can be obtained from the AHCCCS website at: <http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/ProviderBilling/rates/Hospicerates.aspx>.
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