

MAJOR DECISIONS FOR #YH23-0001 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

1. Individuals who have previously been identified as having a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) designation in the AHCCCS System

Beginning October 1, 2023, AHCCCS encourages providers to refer children who may have SED, including those children with an SED flag indicator in the AHCCCS System and functional impairment secondary to a mental health or emotional disorder, for referral to the Contractor for an SED Eligibility Determination. Providers will be encouraged to refer these individuals at the time of their initial assessment or annual reassessment over the course of FFY 2024, as children who are not determined SED as of October 1, 2024, will no longer have access to Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) SED funding. The current SED flag process will be transitioned to use of a Behavioral Health Category to capture SED designations. There will be a one-year period by which child members who are currently accessing SED funding through the MHBG can continue to receive MHBG-funded services in order to permit time for referral to the new determination entity (i.e., Contractor). The Contractor is required to deliver technical assistance to these providers to assist with implementing a smooth transition and the continuation of services for these members.