

Tribal Consultation Update October 22, 2015

TRBHA Transition Update

AHCCCS and DBHS continue to work together to meet member needs as well as jointly working on the TRBHA transition over to AHCCCS/ Division of Fee for Service Management (DFSM) by July 1, 2016. AHCCCS has been working with DBHS subject matter experts to understand the five Intergovernmental Agreements (IGAs) currently in place. The ultimate goal is to streamline, reduce the administrative burden of the IGAs and improving service delivery for the members. DFSM anticipates that IGA drafts will be ready for TRBHA review in January 2016. We look forward to engaging in the negotiation process at that time to ensure new IGAs will be in place for the full transition on July 1, 2016.

Markay Adams, Behavioral Health Administrator, <u>markay.adams@azahcccs.gov</u> is the primary point of contact for all the TRBHAs regarding any questions or issues. DFSM is in the process of setting up a meeting in early November to give updates and discuss some of the projects that DFSM would like to partner on. Additionally, DFSM will start sending out regular emails and conference calls related to the transition in order to provide transparency and establish a partnership as this transition occurs.

ALTCS Case Management

AHCCCS currently administers 8 total IGAs that include seven different Tribes and Native Health who manages case management services for 14 Tribes.

The ALTCS Tribal Case Management Program moved from the Division of Health Care Management (DHCM) to the Division of Fee-For-Service Management (DFSM) effective October 13, 2015. This was an internal organizational structure change to improve system efficiency for our tribal contractors, providers, and to our members. Our Tribal ALTCS staff, Cheryl Begay and Rachel Conley, are settled in at DFSM and can be reached at with the same phone number and email information. We had our Quarterly meeting on October 15, 2015 which was graciously hosted by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Guadalupe, Arizona. Our next quarterly meeting will be in January 2016 hosted by the Gila River Indian Community. Currently, DFSM is recruiting for an ALTCS Tribal Case Management Supervisor position.

Denise Taylor-Sands, our Tribal Health Care Administrator in DFSM, will oversee the Tribal ALTCS program. You can email Denise at <u>Denise.Taylor-Sands@azahcccs.gov</u> or call her at (602) 417-7557.