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February 17th, 2016

Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care
Eddy Broadway, CEO
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Dear Mr. Broadway:

On February 1st, 2016, Anne Ronan delivered a letter to Greg Honig related to the *Arnold v. Arizona Department of Health Services* settlement agreement. The concerns identified in that letter were discussed in the February 2nd, 2016 bi-monthly meeting between the involved parties. Within the letter was the following statement:

It is our understanding that the reason given for the cuts was that some of the funding MMIC had been receiving for non SMI Title XIX general mental members was being moved to the AHCCCS acute plans. Some of the providers that were affected by the cuts served non SMI clients and therefore the cuts would be appropriate as those clients would be seen elsewhere. However, for the providers that only serve SMI members the impact of these cuts is disproportionate, as they lost funding, were continuing to serve the same clients and the acute plans were not funded to serve this population.

It is our understanding that peer-run organizations did not experience cuts in SMI funding based on the referenced changes in GMHSA funding. Please clarify the validity of these statements within a response by March 4th, 2016. We look forward to receiving your response.

Regards,


Margery Ault
Interim Deputy Director

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March 3, 2016

Ms. Margery Ault
Interim Deputy Director
Arizona Department of Health Services
150 N. 18th Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Ms. Ault:

This communication is in response to your letter dated February 17, 2016, regarding Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care (Mercy Maricopa) funding to peer-run organizations.

Mercy Maricopa has contracted peer-run organizations. These contracted peer-run organizations did not experience cuts in SMI funding based on the General Mental Health/Substance Abuse (GMH/SA) adult dual member migration from Mercy Maricopa Integrated (Mercy Maricopa) to the Arizona Healthcare Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) contracted Acute Health Plans, effective October 1, 2015. To clarify where there may be some confusion, one of the peer-run organizations does operate a joint (SMI and GMH/SA) Peer Attempt Survivor Group that serves the GMH/SA population, inclusive of adult dual GMH/SA members. As a result, this program had a 13% (\$4,044) reduction in GMH/SA funding for the Dual GMH/SA utilization associated with service delivery for this support group.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eddy D. Broadway", written over a white background.

Eddy D. Broadway
Chief Executive Officer

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