

AHCCCS PROGRAM UPDATE

Acute Care RFP

ABIL Conference Center

January 18, 2012

2:00 – 4:00 PM

SUMMARY

- For a list of attendees who signed in, please see attached attendance list.
- Theresa Gonzales (AHCCCS) gives welcome and makes introductory remarks.
- AHCCCS offices in Flagstaff and Tucson have teleconference lines open for the public to attend via telephone.
- Those in attendance introduce themselves.
- Monica Coury (AHCCCS) reviews slide show presentation (see attached). Ms. Coury notes the AHCCCS Administration accepts comments, questions and feedback on its website or at AcuteRFP@azahcccs.gov.
- Question & Answer Period:
 - Jim Hammond, consultant representing Professional Healthcare Solutions, LLC, asks questions regarding the RFP timeline, the Exchange and health care licensing, and the RBHA contract in Maricopa County.
 - 1) Question – RFP Timeline: The RFP is scheduled to be issued in November. Until then, will the AHCCCS Administration provide updates or further details? Can we expect additional information in the meantime?
Answer: There is a lot of work to be done on the RFP. We will provide details when they are available and it is appropriate to do so, but otherwise expect to wait until the RFP is issued in November. Check for details on the RFP page on the website.
 - 2) Question – Licensing: Since there is often churn between the Medicaid and private insurance, and the Exchange will be a single point of entry for eligibility determination, will Medicaid plans need to change their licensing?
Answer: No. Separate licensing requirements will remain as they are currently. Medicaid/AHCCCS wants to work with commercial plans about coordinating care.
 - 3) Question – RBHA: As a point of clarification, for the specialty RBHA contract in Maricopa County, will an acute care health plan take on RBHA needs, or the RBHA take on acute care needs?
Answer: The RBHA will manage and provide acute care services. The contract is being issued by ADHS.
 - Susie Nash, BCBS-AZ, asks a question about dual eligible Medicaid enrollees.
 - 1) Question – Dual Eligible Enrollees: Regarding dual eligible enrollees, do plans need to have special needs and Medicare Advantage Plan?

Answer: No decision on this at this time. However, we would expect to continue our push for alignment of plans for our members.

- 2) Question – RFP requirements: Are a minimum number of counties required in the RFP bid?

Answer: No decision on that yet.

- Jim Hammond, question about the RFP timeline.

- 1) Question – RFP Timeline: Will there be extra time to prepare? It seems earlier this time. Given all the factors—i.e. new technology to be compatible with the Exchange, the holidays, etc.—health plans might need more time to prepare. Consider moving due dates so it doesn't conflict with the holidays?

Answer: AHCCCS appreciates the comment. Additional comments and feedback will be accepted and considered on the AHCCCS website or through e-mail at AcuteRFP@azahcccs.gov. The purpose of today's forum is to educate the general public about the RFP process.