

PUBLIC NOTICE
AHCCCS Fee-For-Service Rate Update

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) proposes to revise its Fee-For-Service (FFS) payment rates for dates of service on and after October 1, 2010.

Inpatient Hospital - AHCCCS will freeze rates at the September 30, 2010 values.

Nursing Facility - AHCCCS will freeze rates at the September 30, 2010 values.

Dental - AHCCCS will freeze rates at the September 30, 2010 values.

Hospital Outpatient - AHCCCS will update codes to produce AHCCCS claims increase (from September 30, 2010 values) of 0% in aggregate.

Ambulatory Surgical Center - AHCCCS will update codes to produce AHCCCS claims increase (from September 30, 2010 values) of 0% in aggregate.

Physician (including DME and injectables) - AHCCCS will update codes to produce AHCCCS claims increase (from September 30, 2010 values) of 0% in aggregate.

Home-Based Services - Due to the 2010 rebase, rates will be reduced in aggregate by 2.5% from September 30, 2010 values. Rates for community alternative residential settings, which are not set by AHCCCS, will be frozen.

Transportation - Per Laws 2010, 7th Special Session, Chapter 10, Section 25(B) AHCCCS will reduce all ambulance rates approved by ADHS from October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011, by the amount of the authorized increase, not to exceed 5%. AHCCCS will pay 76% of the reduced rates. All other transportation rates will be frozen.

Written comments should be sent to the following address and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 30, 2010.

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More information can be obtained from the AHCCCS website at:
<http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/ProviderBilling/rates/rates.aspx>