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To: Interested Parties

From: AHCCCS Administration

Re: Summary of Public Informational Briefing re Benefits Re-design

On June 15, 2009, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) held an Informational Briefing on the preliminary review of the benefit package for adults in the acute care program. Information was sent to interested stakeholders on June 2, 2009, and notice was also posted on the AHCCCS public website.

Participants were provided the opportunity to attend from across the State via I-Link, a web-based meeting function. The briefing began at approximately 3:00 p.m. with a welcome and introduction from Director Rodgers. Deputy Director Tom Betlach provided brief information on the State's fiscal challenges, a background of the process for reviewing the benefit package, and next steps. Assistant Director Kate Aurelius provided an explanation of the benefits at issue and the considerations that went into the preliminary review (see attached agenda). The briefing was open for public comment and everyone who requested to speak was provided the opportunity. Everyone was encouraged to also submit written comments due by June 26, 2009, to be published on the web. The following individuals provided comments at the briefing:

Name	Organization	Topic
Dental		
Kevin Earle	AZ. Dental Assoc.	Opposed cuts to Dental Benefits
Insulin Pumps		
Sara Sparman	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	Opposed cuts to insulin pumps
Services by a Podiatrist		
David Armstrong	UofA, Southern Arizona Limb Salvas Alliance	Opposed cuts to services provided by a podiatrist
Joseph Leonetti	AZ. Board of Podiatry Examiners	Opposed cuts to services provided by a podiatrist
Jeff Pawlowski	AZ. Podiatric Medical Assoc.	Opposed cuts to services provided by a podiatrists
Kathleen Stone	AZ Podiatric Medical Assoc.	Opposed cuts to services provided by a podiatrist
Tranplants		
Wendy Andrews	University Medical Center	Opposed cuts to transplants

F. Atabia	Mayo Clinic	Opposed cuts to transplants
Leo Corbet	New Life Society	Opposed cuts to transplants
Carl Johnston	Got Mask Org. (St. Joseph's transplant recipient)	Opposed cuts to transplants
David Mulligan	Mayo Clinic	Opposed cuts to transplants
Horacio Rilo	U of A Transplant Program	Opposed cuts to transplants
Jeff Schriber	City of Hope Banner	Opposed cuts to transplants
Robert Scott	Mayo Clinic	Opposed cuts to transplants
James Slack	Mayo Clinic	Opposed cuts to transplants
Impact on Diabetics		
Veronica De La Garza	American Diabetes Assoc	Opposed cuts with disproportionate impact on diabetics
Impact on Native Americans		
Julia Ysaguirre	I.H.S.	Opposed cuts with disproportionate impact on American Indians and that receive 100% Federal funding
Bernie DeAsis	I.H.S., Tucson Area	Opposed cuts with disproportionate impact on American Indians
Gary Quinn	Tohono O'odham Nation, Department of Health and Human Services	Opposed cuts with disproportionate impact to American Indians, specifically urban vs. rural classification for purposes of non-emergency medical transportation



Informational Briefing Acute Care Adult Benefits Review

AHCCCS Administration
701 East Jefferson, 3rd Floor
Monday, June 15, 2009
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

- 3:00 p.m. Welcome & Introductions**
- Public Comment Process
Anthony Rodgers
Director
- 3:10 p.m. Meeting Purpose & Overview**
- Budget Overview
- Background on FY2009 Budget Deficit
- Process for approval and implementation
Tom Betlach
Deputy Director
- 3:20 p.m. Benefit Redesign Recommendations**
Kate Aurelius
Assistant Director
Division of Health Care Management
- 3:50 p.m. Discussion (3 minute limit per organization)**
- 4:30 p.m. Adjournment**

Written comments can be submitted to Theresa.gonzales@azahcccs.gov and will be accepted until **June 26, 2009**.

Please check the website for updates:

[http://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.aspx#Benefits Re-design Proposal](http://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/news.aspx#Benefits_Re-design_Proposal)

Thank you!