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Back-to-School Well-Care Member Incentive Campaign

WHO: AHCCCS or KidsCare (managed care enrolled) members, ages 3-19, and who complete their first well-care visit of 2023
WHEN: June 5 - Sept. 5 2023
WHAT: Eligible to receive a \$25 gift card from their AHCCCS health plan.

www.azahcccs.gov/wellcare





Statewide Arizona Crisis Hotline

Call: 1-844-534-HOPE (4673) or Text: 4HOPE (44673) Chat: <u>Crisis Response Network</u>





Arizona Crisis Hotlines by County

Local Suicide and Crisis Hotlines by County

<u>Phone</u>

Maricopa, Pinal, Gila Counties served by Mercy Care: 1-800-631-1314 or 602-222-9444

Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Pima, Santa Cruz and Yuma Counties served by Arizona Complete Health: **1-866-495-6735**

Apache, Coconino, Mohave, Navajo and Yavapai Counties served by Care1st: **1-877-756-4090**

Gila River and Ak-Chin Indian Communities: 1-800-259-3449

Especially for Teens

Teen Life Line phone or text: 602-248-TEEN (8336)





How to access the crisis line in your area

Statewide:

Call: 1-844-534-HOPE (4673), Text: 4HOPE (44673) or

Chat: Crisis Response Network

North GSA

• Counties: Coconino, Mohave, Navajo, Yavapai: Health Choice Arizona: 1-877-756-4090

Central GSA

• Maricopa County, Pinal, Gila: Mercy Care 1-800-631-1314

South GSA

 Counties: Apache, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz County, Pima, Santa Cruz, Yuma: Arizona Complete Health - Complete Care Plan 1-866-495-6735

Tribal

- Ak-Chin Indian Indian Community: 1-800-259-3449
- Gila River Indian Community: 1-800-259-3449
- Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community: 1-855-331-6432
- Tohono O'odham Nation: 1-844-423-8759



OARLine



www.azdhs.gov/oarline



Email: AzOarline@gmail.com

Members: Make Sure Your Contact Info Is Current In Health-e-Arizona PLUS

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Health-e-Arizona PLUS Address Changes

Address changes can be reported online using Health-e-Arizona PLUS.

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New Contact Information							
Update Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) Enrollment							
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Remove Person(s) - Someone Moved Out or is Deceased							
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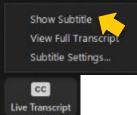
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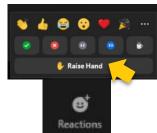
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Office of Human Rights Training Awareness Brenda Morris, OHR Administrator



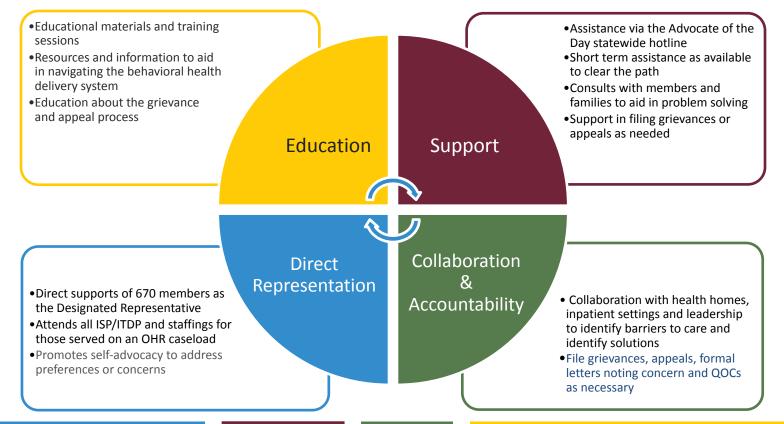
The Office of Human Rights

Mission Statement

The OHR Provides advocacy to individuals living with a SMI to help them understand, protect and exercise their rights, facilitate self-advocacy through education, and obtain access to behavioral health services in the public behavioral health system in Arizona.



OHR Advocacy at-a-Glance





Community Education

OHR facilitate the following community education sessions in the past year with over 2,000 attendees:

- Rights of Individuals living with a Serious Mental Illness,
- Court-ordered Evaluation and Court-ordered Treatment for Individuals Living with a Serious Mental Illness,
- The Individual Service Plan and Why it Matters for Individuals Living with a Serious Mental Illness,
- Inpatient Treatment and Discharge Planning for Individuals with a Serious Mental Illness,
- The Grievance and Appeals Process for Individuals Living with a Serious Mental Illness,
- The Power of Collaboration and Advocacy for Individuals Living with a Serious Mental Illness,
- Why Assess for Special Assistance for Individuals Living with a Serious Mental Illness,
- Provider Case Management for Individuals living with a Serious Mental Illness, and
- The Role of the Office of Human Rights for Individuals living with a Serious Mental Illness.

Previous OHR trainings are available here.



Upcoming AHCCCS Advocacy Training

Register for upcoming trainings by clicking on the name of the course.



7/19	Covered Behavioral Health Services for Individuals Living with a Serious Mental Illness
8/24	COE/COT for Individuals Living with a Serious Mental Illness
9/26	Inpatient Treatment and Discharge Planning for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness
10/26	The Power of Collaboration and Advocacy for Individuals Living with a Serious Mental Illness



Solari SMI/SED Determination Jennifer Janzen, Eligibility Education and Training Coordinator





The Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Determination Process An Introduction & Overview

- Solari Crisis & Human Services is an award-winning non-profit organization based in Arizona
- We partner with communities to provide solutions that improve public access to local services and resources
- We help, inspire, and empower individuals through our crisis call center, information and referral, and data services



Solari's Role: the ECS

Team

- No direct services
- Neutral third party in the public behavioral health system
 - No monetary incentive to determine an individual's eligibility
- Completes all SED/SMI Determinations in Arizona
 - Behavioral Health Providers complete the assessment and submit to Solari; we review and make the determination
- Applies SED/SMI criteria as mandated by AHCCCS:
 - Does the individual meet diagnostic criteria?
 - Does the individual meet functional criteria?

Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) is a designation used in Arizona to

What is SED?

is a designation used in Arizona to identify children who have a diagnosable mental, behavioral or emotional disorder which substantially interferes with or limits the child's role or functioning in family, school or community activities.





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- The current SED flag process will be transitioned to use of a Behavioral Health Category to capture SED designations on 10/1/2023
- AHCCCS encourages providers to refer children with an existing SED flag indicator to go through the SED Eligibility Determination at the time of their annual reassessment or prior to 9/30/2024 (end of MHBG SED funding)
- AHCCCS encourages Providers to refer any child, birth to age 18 ,who are experiencing functional impairment secondary to a mental health or emotional disorder for an SED Eligibility Determination



Applicant age: birth to 18

Applicant must have:

- Qualifying Diagnosis
- Functional Impairment
 - Impairment must have been present for at least the past 6 months or the past 3 months with expected continuation of another 3 months, or applicant can be at
 - Risk of Deterioration

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Applicant meets with a qualified assessor within seven days of request

Evaluation

Assessor submits completed packet to Solari within one business day from date of

Determination Solari makes decision within three days from date of consent: SED, Not SED, or Pend (with waiver) for records or further evaluation (clinical staffing, tele-med, EEP)

Notification

- Applicant notified by mail
- Assessor notified by email
- AHCCCS notified

The SED Evaluation

Packet:

Required Forms:

- Consent for Assessment signed by parent or legal guardian
- Assessment with CALOCUS score
- Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)
 Determination Form signed by BHP

Additional Documents:

- Waiver of Three-Day Determination Form
- Release of Information (ROI)
- Demographic Data Sheet
- Additional Treatment Records

The Appeal

Process

Every applicant/HCDM has the right to appeal the SED decision within 60 days of the determination date:

- Appeal can be requested by calling 855.832.2866 or in by completing and submitting the appeal form via mail
- Once the request is received, we must schedule an informal tele-med conference within seven days

If the applicant/HCDM wishes to appeal this decision, they have the right to request an administrative hearing



Removal of

Designation:

Required Forms:

- Attestation Form signed by parent or legal guardian
- Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Determination Form signed by BHP

Additional Documents:

- Waiver of Three-Day Determination Form
- Release of Information (ROI)
- Demographic Data Sheet
- Assessment (less than six months old)
- Additional Treatment Records

- No automatic transition from SED to SMI
- 17.5-year-olds are eligible for an SMI Evaluation
- Evaluate early to aid with transition to Adult Services

Monthly Training



Sessions



SED Determination Training - Starting August 2023

- The first Friday from 9-10:30 am
- The second Monday from 10-11:30 am
- The third Friday from Noon-1:30pm
- The fourth Monday from 2-3:30 pm
- No session will be held if day falls on a holiday

SMI Determination Training

- The first Monday from 9-10:30 am
- The second Friday from 10-11:30 am
- The third Monday from Noon-1:30pm
- The fourth Friday from 2-3:30 pm
- No session will be held if day falls on a holiday

I can also provide a personalized group training via Zoom or in-person at your site in addition to these already scheduled trainings and I also offer "informational sessions" for community members and outside agencies.

Questions or Concerns?

Jennifer Janzen - Eligibility Education and Training Coordinator <u>Jennifer.Janzen@solari-inc.org</u> 520-727-3005 or 480-273-3847

Dr. Korey Hawkins - Manager, Eligibility Clinical Operations Korey.Hawkins@solari-inc.o

<u>rg</u> 602-531-8731

Ashley Gill - Manager, Eligibility Ashley.Gill@solari-inc.o rg_602-527-8115

Website: <u>https://community.solari-inc.org</u> Includes Tips, Application, Required Forms, Submission Instructions, FAQ's, etc.









Parents as Paid Caregivers Waiver Amendment

Shreya Arakere, Federal Waiver and Evaluation Administrator Maxwell Seifer, Data Coordinator



Parents as Paid Caregivers

- 2020:
 - In response to COVID-19 PHE, AHCCCS submitted and received approval for an Appendix K waiver amendment to allow for payments to parents providing caregiving services to minor children.
 - Currently, this program authority extends through November 11, 2023.
- 2023:
 - Based on stakeholder feedback, the agency plans to request authority to make this a permanent feature of the ALTCS program.



Parents as Paid Caregivers

- Eligible Individuals: Eligible minor Arizona Long-Term Care (ALTCS) members who require home and community-based services (HCBS).
- Benefits:
 - Allows legally responsible parents to receive payment for "extraordinary" direct care services (attendant care, personal care, and homemaker services) approved under the 1115 demonstration waiver, and
 - Parents would be limited to 40 hours of paid care, per child, in a given week and cannot exceed more than 16 hours in a single day.



Parents as Paid Caregivers

- Parents who do provide these services must meet all direct care worker requirements as established by AHCCCS policy including:
 - Being employed/contracted by an AHCCCS Registered
 Direct Care Service Agency,
 - Passing specific direct care worker competency tests, and
 - Demonstrating compliance with Electronic Visit
 Verification (EVV) per the 21st Century Cures Act
- Parents who provide these services must also maintain quarterly in-person case management visits as well as agency supervisory visits.



Extended Family Support & Home Care Maintenance

- As an auxiliary support to the PPCG proposal, the Agency is proposing to establish a home care training family support (family support) service for the long-term care population.
- Currently, a comparable service is available to AHCCCS members with a behavioral health need under the rehabilitation benefit in the agency's State Plan.



Extended Family Support & Home Care Maintenance

- Eligible Individuals: Primary caregivers of children and adults enrolled in the Arizona Long Term Care System who are residing at home.
- **Benefits**: Family supports may involve activities such as:
 - Assisting the family to learn skills related to adjustment to the member's disability or aging process or significant life events or transitions,
 - Enhancing and improving the health and wellbeing of the member and family unit,
 - Navigating the health care system, and
 - Self-advocacy, and more.



Parents as Paid Caregivers - Goals

- Mitigate DCW shortage and other access to care challenges by allowing payments to parents who serve as paid caregivers for their minor children,
- Increase member satisfaction and promote positive health and well-being outcomes for the target population,
- Extend an additional support service to restore, enhance, and maintain family functioning to preserve effective care for the member in the home and community, and
- Ensure that members receive high-quality care while increasing timely accessibility to care providers.



Parents as Paid Caregivers - Future Steps

- Upon CMS approval, the following operational and system modifications will be implemented:
 - Policy revisions
 - MCO network development for the family support service
 - Case Manager training
 - Member and family member education and outreach







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Parents as Paid Caregivers Resources

 More information on the Parents as Paid Caregivers Waiver Amendment can be found at

<u>www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Federal/PendingWaivers/Paren</u> <u>tCareGivers.html</u>.

 The web page includes a summary of Arizona's Demonstration amendment request & the schedule (dates and times) of public forums across the state.



Public Comments

Public comments or written testimony may be submitted to AHCCCS via:

waiverpublicinput@azahcccs.gov

AHCCCS, c/o Division of Community Advocacy and Intergovernmental Relations,

801 E. Jefferson Street, MD 4200

Phoenix, AZ 85034

Comments are received through 08/21/2023



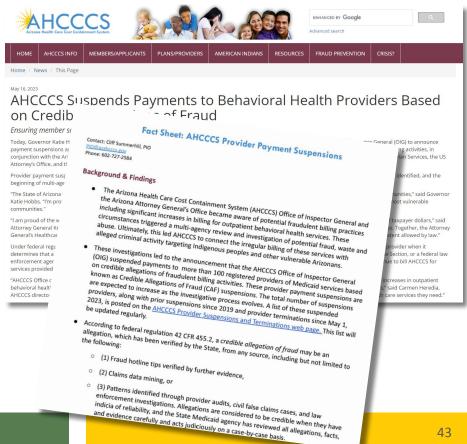
Member Exploitation and Fraudulent Billing

Nicole Fries, Deputy General Counsel

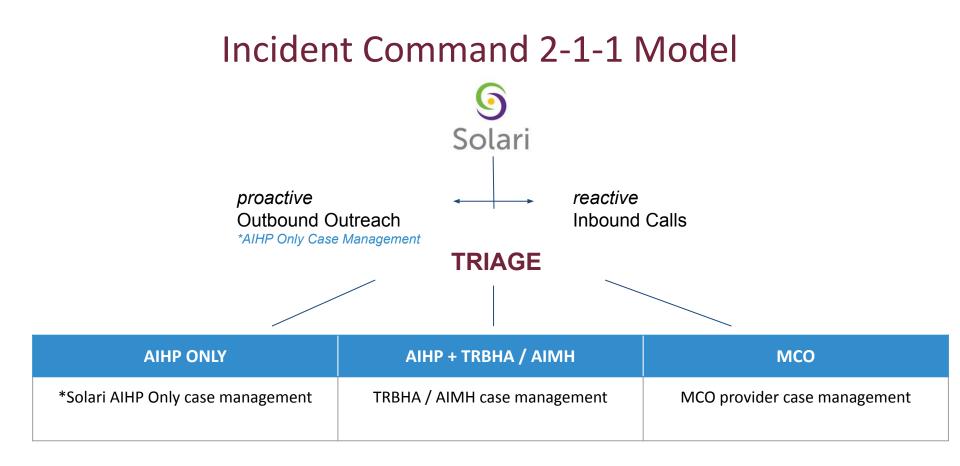


May 16, 2023 Press Release and Fact Sheet

- More than 100 providers suspended from Medicaid payments based on credible allegations of fraud
- ~7,000 members potentially impacted
- List of suspended providers
- Fact sheet
- Press release









Sober Living Facility Closure Response





Sober Living Facility Closure Response



Call Statistics (211 Option 7)

Statistic	This Week (7/4-7/10)	Last Week (6/27-7/3)
Volume	670 inbound calls	840 inbound calls
Answer Rate	96% Answer Rate	95% Answer Rate
Speed of Answer	10 Second Average Maximum wait for Triage: 37s Maximum wait after Triage: 5m, 41s	10 Second Average Maximum wait for Triage: 46s Maximum wait after Triage: 1m, 51s
Average Talk Time	15 minutes 14 seconds	15 minutes 5 seconds



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Hotel Statistics

Statistic	7/11	Exit Status (7/4-7/10)				
Total Rooms	386 Contracted Rooms	(Friends / Housing / Shelter) 32				
Available Rooms	115 Occupied 193 Available 18 Active Reservations	No Contact when Leaving 26 Non Compliance with Program Rules 16				
Occupancy	Average: 15 nights at Hotel Longest: 54 nights # above 7 days: 87 Households	(Shelter / Treatment) 1 Medical Transfer 1				
Current Demographics	250 Total Persons 178 Adults 72 Children 18 Pets	Average Nights in Shelter Per Successful Placements (7/4-7/10) Friends and Family (n=9) Behavioral Health Admission (n=9) Shelter (n=14)				
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Hotel Food Partner Schedule

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Van Buren - Lunch	105	Delivery window times TBD by SVDP*	St. Vincent de Paul	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	St. Vincent de Paul	St. Vincent de Paul	St. Vincent de Paul
Van Buren - Dinner	105	Delivery window times TBD by SVDP*	St. Vincent de Paul	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	Salvation Army	St. Vincent de Paul	St. Vincent de Paul	St. Vincent de Paul
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Phoenix West - Lunch	128		St. Mary's	St. Vincent de Paul	St. Vincent de Paul				
Phoenix West - Dinner	128	Delivery window times TBD by SVDP	St. Vincent de Paul						
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Chandler - Lunch	64	Delivery window times TBD by SVDP	St. Vincent de Paul						
Chandler - Dinner	64	Delivery window times TBD	St. Vincent de Paul						
Tempe (Scottsdale Rd location) - Breakfast	149	Brkfst to deliver 09:00 Needs refrigeration	St. Mary's	VSUW	VSUW				
Tempe (Scottsdale Rd location) - Lunch	149	Delivery window times TBD by SVDP	St. Vincent de Paul						
Tempe (Scottsdale Rd location) - Dinner	149	Delivery window times TBD	St. Vincent de Paul						





System Changes & Payments Stop-Gap Plan



System Improvements to Stop Fraudulent Billing and Protect Members

Recent Changes (as of May 2023):

- <u>Elevated 3 Behavioral Health Provider Types to High-Risk Screening</u>,
- Established Uniform <u>H0015 Rate for Behavioral Health Intensive Outpatient</u> <u>Treatment Services</u> through a State Plan Amendment (SPA),
 - \$157.86 per unit effective May 1, 2023
- Added additional documentation requirements and prepayment review of specified behavioral health codes exceeding limits,
- Stopped approving retroactive enrollment of providers back to the date of licensure,
- Reviewing all existing claims edits which differ from national standards, and
- Hired an external forensic auditor to review all claims for payment since 2019.



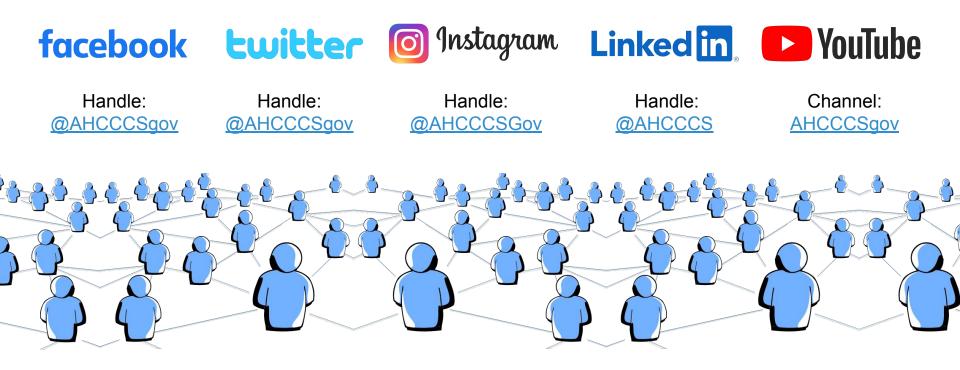
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Upcoming Changes:

- AHCCCS received federal approval to place a moratorium on BH providers types including Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinics, Integrated Clinics, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation providers, Community Service Agencies, and Behavioral Health Residential Facilities.
- Producing trend reports of BH billing and system reporting to flag concerning claims.
- Behavioral Health Coding Workgroup & re-creating the Covered Behavioral Health Services Guide



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Meet Arizona's Innovative Medicaid Program



Other Resources - Quick Links

- AHCCCS <u>Waiver</u>
- AHCCCS <u>State Plan</u>
- AHCCCS Grants
- AHCCCS <u>Whole Person Care Initiative (WPCI)</u>
- AHCCCS Office of Human Rights
- AHCCCS Office of Individual and Family Affairs
- <u>Future RBHA Competitive Contract Expansion</u>







Feedback