PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION - PUBLIC NOTICE

1. **Name of the Agency:** Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

2. **The topic of the public information notice:**

   AHCCCS Fee-For-Service (FFS) rates for Home and Community-Based Services to be effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2027.

3. **The public information relating to the topic:**
   a. This Notice describes changes to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Fee-For-Service (FFS) rates to be effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2027 to address the increased labor costs resulting from the Arizona minimum wage increase mandated by Proposition 206, the Flagstaff minimum wage increase mandated by Proposition 414 and later amended through action of the Flagstaff City Council, and the Tucson Minimum Wage Act increase by Proposition 206. The total change in FFS payments as a result of the changes is an estimated increase of $1,276,098 for the time period of January 1, 2027 through September 30, 2027.
   b. The cumulative statewide rate increase is 1.54%, the cumulative Flagstaff rate increase is 1.77%, and the cumulative Tucson increase is 1.74%.
   c. AHCCCS' Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will be required to implement these rate increases effective with dates of service beginning January 1, 2027, for all services covered by this Notice and described below.
   d. Select Home and Community-Based Fee Schedule rates will be updated as illustrated:

HCPCS	Mod	Procedure Description	FFS	Flagstaff	Tucson
S5100		Day Care Services, Adult; per 15 min.	4.27	4.56	4.33
S5101		Day Care Services, Adult; per half day	51.72	55.14	52.47
S5102		Day Care Services, Adult; per diem	103.42	110.23	104.91
S5125		Attendant Care Services; 15 min.	6.94	7.39	7.04
S5130		Homemaker Services, NOS; 15 min.	8.74	9.30	8.86
S5135		Companion Care, adult; 15 minutes	6.94	7.39	7.04
S5136		Companion Care, adult, per diem	194.16	207.01	196.98
S5140		Foster Care, adult; per diem	100.10	106.67	101.55
S5150		Unskilled Respite Care, not hospice; per 15 min.	6.94	7.39	7.04

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S5151		Unskilled Respite Care, not hospice; per diem	350.64	373.71	355.72
S5170		Home Delivered Meals	14.32	15.25	14.52
T1019		Personal Care Services, per 15 min. (not for inpatient or resident of a hospital, NF, ICF/MR, or IMD; not to be used for services provided by home health aide or	9.19	9.85	9.32
T1021		Home Health Aide or Certified Nurse Assistant, per visit	62.46	66.58	63.36
T1021	U4	Home Health Aide or Certified Nurse Assistant, per visit	83.40	83.91	84.62
T1021	U5	Home Health Aide or Certified Nurse Assistant, per visit	83.40	83.91	84.62
T2016		Habilitation, Residential, Waiver; Per Diem	BR	BR	BR
T2017		Habilitation, Residential, Waiver; 15 minutes	BR	BR	BR
T2018		Habilitation, supported employment, waiver; per diem	36.04	38.39	36.55
T2019		Habilitation, supported employment, waiver; per 15 minutes	5.98	6.41	6.07
T2021		Day Habilitation, Waiver; Per 15 Minutes	BR	BR	BR
T2031		Assisted Living; Waiver, Per Diem	BR	BR	BR
T2033		Residential Care, Not Otherwise Specified (NOS), Waiver; Per Diem	BR	BR	BR

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HCPCS	**Mod**	**Procedure Description**	**FFS**	**Flagstaff**	**Tucson**
S5125	U2	Attendant Care provided through SDAC service	4.99	5.32	5.07

e. Effective January 1, 2027 the rates will be paid based on the insured's zip code.

f. The Flagstaff increase indicated above will apply to claims associated with one of the following zip codes: 86001, 86004, and 86005.

g. The Tucson rates specified above will apply to the following zip codes: 85641, 85701, 85704, 85705, 85706, 85707, 85708, 85709, 85710, 85711, 85712, 85713, 85714, 85715, 85716, 85718, 85719, 85723, 85724, 85726, 85730, 85745, 85746, 85747, 85748, 85749, and 85756.

h. The changes for the rates in this Notice are to ensure that payments are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care and are sufficient to enlist enough providers so

that care and services are available at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area.

i. More information regarding these changes to reimbursement can be obtained at the Offices of the AHCCCS Administration, 150 N. 18th Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85007.

j. Comments regarding the proposed AHCCCS FFS rates may be submitted electronically at FFSRates@azahcccs.gov. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 5, 2026.