

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
AHCCCS 2018 Quality Strategy, Assessment and
Performance Improvement Report

1. Name of the Agency: Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
2. The topic of the public information notice: AHCCCS 2018 Quality Strategy, Assessment and Performance Improvement Report
3. The public information relating to the topic:
 - a. In accordance with Code of Federal Regulations 42 CFR 438.200 et. seq., the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Quality Strategy was first established in 2003.
 - b. AHCCCS is seeking public review and comment of its proposed Quality Strategy, Assessment and Performance Improvement Report, "Quality Strategy". Members, the public, and stakeholders are asked to provide input and recommendations regarding the content and direction of the Quality Strategy. The Quality Strategy incorporates all required elements outlined in 42 CFR §438.340.
 - c. The Quality Strategy, which is submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), must be reviewed minimally once every three years. The results of the Quality Strategy reviews, and any updates or revisions are submitted to CMS for comment and feedback prior to adopting the changes. In addition, all updates and revisions are posted on the AHCCCS website and made available in accordance with 42 CFR 438.10 (c)(3) and 42 CFR 438.364.
 - d. The scope of the Quality Strategy is designed to incorporate the requirements outlined in the CMS Managed Care Regulation 42 CFR § 438.340. AHCCCS requires that the quality of health care and services it provides be transparent to its members, the community and its funders. AHCCCS has developed quality initiatives and strategies for evidence-based outcomes that:
 - Reward quality of care, integrated service delivery, member safety and member satisfaction outcomes
 - Support best practices in disease management and chronic care
 - Provide feedback on quality and outcomes to Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) and providers
 - Provide comparative information to potential members, members, and stakeholders

AHCCCS has formulated strategies that intend to simultaneously improve care, improve population health, and reduce costs. AHCCCS submitted the Quality Strategy to CMS on July 3, 2018. CMS expects that a State's Quality Strategy will be an evolving document which will develop greater sophistication overtime.

- e. The proposed 2018 Quality Strategy for AHCCCS is available for public review at the following link: <https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/PublicNotices/>
- f. Comments regarding the AHCCCS 2018 Quality Strategy may be submitted electronically at AHCCCS-Public-Comment@azahcccs.gov or in writing to:

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
ATTN: Division of Health Care Management/
Quality Management
701 E. Jefferson St., MD-8500
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Any comments requesting inclusion of additional data must specify the source where the data can be obtained. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 17, 2018.

- g. Many public libraries offer access to the internet. In addition, the information can be obtained at the Offices of the AHCCCS Administration, 701 E. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85034.