

AHCCCS Value Based Purchasing (VBP) Differential Adjusted Rates for Integrated Clinics

AHCCCS is seeking comments on the following proposal to implement Value Based Purchasing (VBP) Differential Adjusted Rates for Integrated Clinics:

For the contracting year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 (Contract Year Ending (CYE) 2017), providers which are registered with AHCCCS as Integrated Clinics¹ (IC) during CYE 2017 may qualify for a VBP Differential Adjusted Rate for selected services for those dates of service in CYE 2017 that coincide with the provider's registration as an IC. The VBP Differential Adjusted Fee Schedule, which represents a positive adjustment to the AHCCCS Fee-For-Service rates, distinguishes providers who have committed to supporting designated actions that improve patients' care experience, improve members' health, and reduce cost of care growth. This fee schedule will be limited to dates of service in CYE 2017.

An Integrated Clinic is a provider licensed by the Arizona Department of Health Services as an Outpatient Treatment Center which provides both behavioral health services and physical health services.

For the contracting year October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, VBP Differential Adjusted Rates will be paid for select physical health services and will provide an increase of 10% over the AHCCCS Fee-For-Service rates for the same services. AHCCCS Managed Care Organizations (including RBHAs) will be required to provide a 10% increase over their contracted rates as well. Physical health services which qualify for the increase include Evaluation and Management (E&M) codes, vaccine administration codes, and a global obstetric code, which are all allowable as of April 1, 2016 for providers registered with AHCCCS as Integrated Clinics. See the attachment for the specific list of codes which are proposed to increase for purposes of VBP.

The following is the anticipated timeline regarding the VBP Differential Adjusted Fee Schedule:

Activity	Date
Post Public Notice (this document)	April 22, 2016
Public Notice Public Comments Due	May 23, 2016
Tribal Consultation	April 21, 2016 July 2016
Submit State Plan Amendment to CMS	June 2016
Implement VBP Differential Adjusted Fee Schedule	October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017 Dates of Service

Note: Dates are subject to change

See the table attached for the currently-registered AHCCCS IC providers.

AHCCCS anticipates that the criteria for VBP Differential Adjusted Rates for ICs may change for CYE 2018. In addition, the VBP Differential Adjusted Fee Schedule noted above may be revised due to budgetary guidelines.

¹ IHS and 638 tribally owned and/or operated Integrated Clinics are exempt from this initiative at this time based on payments primarily at the federally-mandated all-inclusive rate

Written comments may be submitted to the following email address and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2016: FFSRates@azahcccs.gov.