AHCCCS
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

Electronic Health Record (EHR) Program Updates

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EHR Incentive Payments

- As of July 2015, AHCCCS has paid out:
  - $157,538,400.79 (Eligible Hospitals - EHs)
  - $72,323,682.00 (Eligible Professionals - EPs)
  - $229,862,082.79 TOTAL

- IHS-Specific:
  - $18,677,678.75 (EHs)
  - $10,157,500.00 (EPs)
Program Year 2014 and Flexibility

• Program Year 2014 attestations can be made through August 31, 2015
• Providers have the option to utilize “Flexibility”
  o Only option excluded from Flexibility is AIU
  o **Vendor** documentation must accompany Flexibility attestations
Payment Changes

• AHCCCS recently implemented a new finance system with enhanced payment processing capabilities

• EHR payments will now be held if the Payee owes money to AHCCCS
  o If the debt is less that the incentive amount, the Payee will receive a partial incentive payment
Teledentistry

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Teledentistry and Affiliated Dental Hygienists

• Teledentistry – acquisition and transmission of all necessary subjective and objective diagnostic data through interactive audio, video, or data communications by an AHCCCS-registered dental provider to a distant dentist for triage, dental treatment planning, and referral
  • Includes provision of preventive and other approved therapeutic services the AHCCCS-registered affiliated practice dental hygienist, who provides dental hygiene services under an affiliated practice relationship with a dentist
Senate Bill 1282

- Builds upon affiliated practice dental hygienist legislation passed in 2004 (Sec. 32-1281 H, 32-1289)
- Gives authority to affiliated practice dental hygienists to utilize teledentistry services
- Mandates AHCCCS to implement teledentistry services for enrolled members who are under twenty-one years of age
AMPB, Chapter 300

- Teledentistry does apply to EPSDT-aged members
- Revises the code set available to affiliated practice dental hygienists registered with AHCCCS
Teledentistry Limitations

• Teledentistry does not replace the dental examination by the dentist
• Limited, periodic, and comprehensive examinations cannot be billed through the use of teledentistry alone
Questions?