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DATE: October 1, 2010
TO: AHCCCS Providers
FROM: Marc Leib, M.D., Chief Medical Officer
SUBJECT: Temporary Injunction Delaying Implementation of Some Co-pays

AHCCCS has previously communicated that effective October 1, 2010, new mandatory copayment requirements will go into effect for a limited number of AHCCCS Acute Care adults (Transitional Medical Assistance members, Childless Adults/AHCCCS Care members, and Medical Expense Deduction members). You may have since heard that AHCCCS was subject to legal action resulting in a hold on the mandatory co-pays for the Childless Adults/AHCCCS Care members and Medical Expense Deduction members. This injunction is in place through October 31, 2010. During the injunction timeframe, these members will be subject to nominal, or optional, copayments. Providers cannot deny services for a member's inability to pay a nominal copayment.

Providers should ensure that they routinely check the AHCCCS Eligibility Verification System to determine any AHCCCS adult member's copayment requirements. Co-pay levels on each member's record will enable you to determine if a copayment is optional or mandatory. Please refer to the prior provider notification, now updated based on the injunction, found at <http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/Downloads/CopayLetterProviders9-29-10.pdf> for details regarding these co-pay level designations. Co-pay levels in the Eligibility Verification System will be updated as warranted by any further court action. We are well-aware that late changes to our program requirements are frustrating to providers and we will make every effort to get new information to you as expeditiously as possible.

More information regarding AHCCCS copayments, including further explanation about the injunction, is also available at:

<http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/providerbilling/copayments.aspx>.

Questions may be e-mailed to AHCCCSCoPays@azahcccs.gov.