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**YEAR 4 MILESTONES: COVID-19 IMPACT**

AHCCCS is monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on healthcare system performance and the impact on Year 4 Targeted Investment measures. Potential adjustments to the measure calculations or targets will occur based on additional data and information, in collaboration with CHiR.

AHCCCS is committed to helping providers access resources and assistance during COVID-19. Further information can be found on the [AHCCCS COVID-19 page](#). Applications for additional federal assistance for providers expire on August 28th; more information can be found [here](#).

**YEAR 3 PAYMENTS**

TI participants that attested in Year 3 should have received an interim payment in May. AHCCCS is taking additional steps this year to validate participant information and ensure accurate payments in TI Year 3. Participants will receive remaining payments in the fall.

**CHIR/TIPQIC DASHBOARD UPDATES AND FAQ**

[TIPQIC Website FAQs](#) were recently updated, addressing topics such as QIC, logistics, Year 4 measures, dashboard, assignment and attribution.

Questions regarding your TIPQIC dashboard, QIC meetings, and specific technical questions about performance measures can be best answered by the QIC team. To contact them, email [tipqic@exchange.asu.edu](mailto:tipqic@exchange.asu.edu).

Questions about payment, milestones, the IPAT, attestation, and authorized users can be best answered by the Targeted Investments team at AHCCCS. To contact, please email [targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov](mailto:targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov).

## REMINDER: YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE MEASURES ARE POSTED AND AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBPAGE

In TI Year 4, milestone incentive payments will be based on HEDIS performance measures in alignment with various other applications and uses, including the CMS Core Set and Statewide Targeted Investments measures. Payments will be based on TI participants meeting the measures' performance targets for their Area of Concentration. Participants will receive incentive payments based on their performance as calculated for the period October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020.

Performance on the measures will be calculated using claims submitted by the provider. Due to the time lag associated with submitting and processing claims, the disbursement of Year 4 incentive payments will take a while longer than payments for previous years.

The Year 4 performance measures are linked [here](#) and posted on the [TI webpage](#). The linked Year 4 milestone documents below include the attendance requirements associated with the Targeted Investments Program Quality Improvement Collaborative (QIC) and the barbells associated with each milestone. These documents are also posted on TI Program web page (in the colored boxes).

[Adult PCP Year 4 Milestones](#)  
[Adult BH Year 4 Milestones](#)  
[Justice Year 4 Milestones](#)  
[Peds PCP Year 4 Milestones](#)  
[Peds BH Year 4 Milestones](#)  
[Hospital Year 4 Milestones](#)

## RELOCATED YOUR TI SITE, OPTED OUT OR CHANGED OWNERSHIP/PROVIDER TYPE, OR HAD A PROVIDER JOIN OR LEAVE YOUR PRACTICE?

In order for you to receive your TI incentive payments in a complete and timely manner, we need to know if your organization anticipates relocating, merging, closing a TI Participating site(s) or merging with other organizations throughout the duration of the program, or if you have changes in providers or service addresses. **Please note that Health Plans and AHCCCS do not notify each other of any changes, so they must be communicated to both.** To ensure your changes do not interfere with your incentive payments, please do the following:

- 1) Notify AHCCCS Provider Registration and take the necessary steps outlined by [Provider Registration](#). (More information on the new AHCCCS Provider Enrollment Portal can be found below)
- 2) Notify contracted Health Plans of any changes.
- 3) Notify the TI Team at [targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov](mailto:targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov) of the change or when the change will occur. This can be done via our ["Report a Change" Google form](#).

If you plan to no longer participate in the TI Program, we would greatly appreciate you notifying us at [targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov](mailto:targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov)

## APEP: AHCCCS PROVIDER ENROLLMENT PORTAL UPDATE

The implementation of the AHCCCS Provider Enrollment Portal (APEP) is set to launch August 31st, 2020. APEP will offer a secure web-based enrollment process. APEP is designed to ease the provider enrollment process by

decreasing processing time and allowing the provider to submit a new enrollment or modification to an existing provider ID effectively any time of the day. More information can be found [here](#).

## ROPA: NEW PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS 1/1/2021

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the 21st Century Cures Act (Cures) require that all health care providers who provide services to, order (refer), prescribe, or certify health care services for AHCCCS members must be enrolled as an AHCCCS provider.

After Jan. 1, 2021 claims which include ROPA (Referring, Ordering, Prescribing or Attending) providers who are not enrolled with AHCCCS will not be reimbursed. More information can be found [here](#).

## OPPORTUNITY: SMAC ADVISORY BOARD

The State Medicaid Advisory Committee (SMAC) is currently accepting nominations for the 2020-2022 term. The SMAC committee members provide guidance on the strategic direction of Arizona's Medicaid program, agency planning efforts, and operational protocols that may impact member services and supports. SMAC is currently accepting nominations for the following open positions to serve Oct. 2020 through Sept. 2022:

- Five public member positions (e.g. a Medicaid recipient, a consumer advocate, a representative of a tribal community, or a representative of the educational community, etc.)
- Two professional member positions (e.g. health care providers or professionals with a direct interest in the AHCCCS program)
- To nominate yourself or others, follow the directions on the [AHCCCS SMAC web page](#).

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