



Thomas J. Betlach, Director

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James V. Stover, Sr. Vice President and CEO The University of Arizona Health Plans 2701 E. Elvira Rd. Tucson, AZ 85756

RE: University Care Advantage Dual-Special Needs Plan and AHCCCS Auto-Assignment

Dear Mr. Stover:

As required in Acute contract YH14-0001 with an effective date of 10/1/2014, the Medicaid organization (University Physicians Healthcare d/b/a The University of Arizona Health Plans-University Care Advantage) "is required to also operate a Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan in all geographic service areas in which it operates a Medicaid contract." Per the policy set forth in Policy 107 of the AHCCCS Contractors Operations Manual (ACOM), the State will sign an agreement only when the MA D-SNP Health Plan holds a Medicaid contract that covers the requested county and AHCCCS population(s)." AHCCCS entered into an agreement (YH14-0045) with University of Arizona Health Plans, effective 1/1/2015 which outlines requirements which aim to improve care coordination and timely information sharing by both parties for dual eligible members enrolled in Medicare Advantage Dual Eligible Special Needs Health Plans consistent with 42 CFR 422.107, the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) and the Affordable Care Act.

We are pleased that you have been able to reinstate D-SNP operations in all counties currently served by the University Family Care Plan per the provisions of your Medicaid contract, including:

- Cochise
- Graham
- Greenlee
- La Paz
- Gila
- Pima
- Pinal
- Santa Cruz
- Yavapai
- Yuma

Based on the Acute and MIPPA contract provisions, it is evident that the requirements set forth have been honored by the Contractor since University will be operating as a D-SNP in the counties that it previously served. The previous sanctions have been fulfilled and the cap on SSI/Medicare auto-assignment enrollment will be lifted, effective January 1, 2015.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Kari Price, Assistant Director, DHCM at 602-417-4625 or kari.price@azahcccs.gov.

Sincerely,

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