

General Mental Health and Substance Abuse (GMH/SA) Integration for Dual (Medicare/Medicaid) Members

Goals

- Service integration– this is enhanced when members are in aligned plans
- Payment modernization – greater capacity to link incentives
- Enhanced simplicity for members and providers
- AHCCCS and plans are poised to react to any future changes that CMS may impose on the D-SNP program

GMH/SA Integration Details

- Effective date is October 1, 2015
- Approximately 83,000 members will be affected by this integration effort
- Members must be enrolled in an acute Medicaid health plan, but do not need to be in the same health plan (aligned) for Medicare and Medicaid
- Does not include members determined SMI
- Behavioral health benefits are not changed or reduced, just delivered/coordinated from acute Medicaid plans, instead of the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities
- Medicare Parts A and/or B AND AHCCCS eligible members aged 18 and older who are not enrolled in the American Indian Health Program (AIHP)
- Dual children are excluded
- Members can be in any Medicare arrangement: Fee-For-Service, Medicare Advantage plan or Dual Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)
- This effort is in conjunction with, but separate from the Greater Arizona Integrated RBHA Project
- Readiness activities are underway to assess plans' network, staffing, technology/systems, and policy enhancement needs
- AHCCCS will collaborate with acute health plans to conduct stakeholder outreach

GMH/SA Dual Native American Members

- Native American members will still have the array of choices they have today
- Native American members enrolled in the American Indian Health Program or in an acute health plan can receive services from any Tribal Behavioral Health Authority or Regional Behavioral Health Authority
- Members who are currently served by an acute health plan and a RBHA will be automatically integrated, but the member will always have a choice to move
- As always, American Indians can access services at IHS and tribally owned and/or operated 638 facilities at any time