

DATE: July 7, 2020

TO: Coalition of Arizona Pediatric Providers for Immunizations (CAP²I)

FROM: Jami Snyder, Director

SUBJECT: Arizona VFC Program

Thank you for your letter of May 11, 2020 which enumerated procedural concerns with the Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program.

AHCCCS remains committed in providing well child care, including immunizations, to our EPSDT eligible members. Our major concern is to maintain an adequate network of providers to achieve those goals. The concerns outlined by CAP²I will assist the Medicaid program in ensuring that there are as few barriers as possible for providers to deliver services to our members.

AHCCCS has been in active communications with ADHS and the VFC Office in addressing many of the same concerns articulated by CAP²I. Our agencies are collaborating to explore opportunities to develop flexibilities in the administration of the program in so far as possible within the CDC contract.

In addition, AHCCCS has engaged in conversations with the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy Of Pediatrics (AzAAP) to partner with their ongoing efforts working with the VFC Office in resolving member concerns.

While these issues may take time to resolve, please be assured that AHCCCS is actively attempting to achieve possible flexibilities on behalf of all our EPSDT providers which will address many of these concerns.

Thank you again for sharing the concerns and if you have further questions please continue to reach out directly to our Office.