

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION-PUBLIC NOTICE

1. **Name of the Agency:** Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
2. **The topic of the public information notice:** AHCCCS Fee-For-Service (FFS) proposed rates for Air Ambulance Transportation effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2016.
3. **The public information relating to the topic:**
 - a. This Notice of Public Information describes proposed changes to the AHCCCS FFS rates for Air Ambulance Transportation to be effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2016.

The AHCCCS Administration is proposing that Air Transportation rates be updated to adjust the base reimbursement rates for Fixed Wing and Rotary Wing trips and the base reimbursement rates for mileage. The AHCCCS Administration estimates that the impact of this proposed change will increase FFS reimbursements by \$929,900 for the period January 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016, representing an aggregate increase of 9.6% for the services subject to the change, and 8.1% for Air Transportation overall.

- b. The changes for the rates described in this notice are proposed to assure that payments are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care and are sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available at least to the extent that such care and services are available to the general population in the geographic area.
 - c. Written comments may be sent to the following address and must be received no later than 5:00 PM on December 30, 2015:

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- d. More information regarding these proposed changes to reimbursement can be obtained from the AHCCCS website at:
<http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/ProviderBilling/rates/Transportationrates.aspx>.
 - e. Many public libraries offer access to the internet. In addition, the information can be obtained at the Offices of the AHCCCS Administration, 701 E. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85034.
 - f. The Notice of Public Information regarding these proposed changes to rates is expected to be published in the Arizona Administrative Register on or before December 18, 2015.