

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION- PUBLIC NOTICE

1. **Name of Agency:** Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
2. **The topic of the public information notice:** AHCCCS Supplemental payments proposed by the AHCCCS Administration for Nursing Facility providers for the time period beginning October 1, 2022.
3. **The public information relating to the topic:**

This Notice describes proposed changes to AHCCCS supplemental payments to Nursing Facility providers for the time period beginning October 1, 2022. In accordance with ARS §36-2999.51 et seq., the AHCCCS Administration administers a nursing facility provider assessment on health care services and items provided by nursing facilities and issues supplemental payments to nursing facilities. As a result of the proposed increases to the dollar amount of the nursing facility assessment, additional supplemental funding will be available for nursing facilities, thus supporting accessibility of critical health care services to vulnerable populations and enhancing the ability of nursing facilities to provide high quality yet cost effective care. An estimated \$2,502,800 net increase in total supplemental payments to FFS nursing facilities funded by the assessment for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023 is anticipated.

AHCCCS NURSING FACILITY SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS:

Nursing Facility provider supplemental payments are funded by an assessment on these providers which are matched with federal funds. The assessment amount will increase effective October 1, 2022 resulting in an increase in supplemental payments to nursing facility providers.

A.A.C R9-28-702 will be updated in sections R9-28-702-D. R9-28-702-D3 will increase the annual patient days assessment amount from \$15.63 to \$20.80. R9-28-702-D4 will increase the annual patient days amount from \$1.80 to \$2.40.

D.3 For each nursing facility, other than a nursing facility exempted in subsection (C) or described in subsection (D)(4), the provider assessment is calculated by multiplying the nursing facility's total annual patient days, other than Medicare patient days, by \$20.80.

D.4. For a nursing facility, other than a nursing facility exempted in subsection (C), with a number of total annual Medicaid patient days greater than or equal to the number required to achieve a slope of at least 1 applying the uniformity tax waiver test described in 42 CFR 433.68(e)(2), the provider assessment is calculated by Supp. 18-1 Page 33 March 31, 2018 Title 9, Ch. 28 Arizona Administrative Code 9 A.A.C. 28 Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System - Arizona Long-term Care System multiplying the nursing facility's total annual patient days, other than Medicare patient days, by \$2.40.

The increase in supplemental payments to FFS providers is estimated to be \$2,502,800 in total funds as a result of the increased assessment amounts.

For more information, refer to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on the AHCCCS website at: <https://azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/Reporting/ProposedStateRules/NOPRTitle9HSCChap28.pdf>

4. Comments regarding the proposed AHCCCS FFS nursing facility assessment and supplemental payments may be submitted electronically at FFSRates@azahcccs.gov or in writing to:

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801 E. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 15, 2022.

Many public libraries offer access to the internet. In addition, the information can be obtained at the offices of the AHCCCS Administration, 801 E. Jefferson St. Phoenix, AZ 85034