

AHCCCS NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
CYE 2023 PRELIMINARY 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) rates for designated fee schedules to be effective for dates of service beginning January 1, 2023.
3. **The public information relating to the topic:**
 - a. This Notice of Public Information describes changes to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Fee-For-Service (FFS) rates to be effective January 1, 2023. The AHCCCS Administration is proposing changes to the FFS rates specified in this Notice 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. The estimated increase in FFS payments as a result of the rate changes is expected to be approximately \$2,946,800 for the time period of January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023. More detailed information regarding the fee schedule changes is included below.

The Inpatient Hospital APR-DRG fee schedule will be updated as described below:

AHCCCS has developed 3 new base payment categories within the APR-DRG reimbursement model:

1. A health care institution that is licensed as an acute care hospital, that has one hundred or fewer beds, and that is located in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons; or A health care institution that is licensed as a critical access hospital.
 - The Base Rate is proposed to change from \$6,103.18 to \$7,506.91
 2. A health care institution that is licensed as an acute care hospital, that has one hundred or fewer beds, that is located in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons and has greater than twenty percent of Medicaid inpatient reimbursement with a primary diagnosis of behavioral health in the prior federal fiscal year as of April 30th.
 - The Base Rate is proposed to change from \$6,103.18 to \$8,117.23
 3. A health care institution with two separate ADHS acute care hospital licenses, with one facility that has one hundred or fewer beds, that is located in a county with a population of less than five hundred thousand persons and has one single AHCCCS registration for both licenses.
 - The Base Rate is proposed to change from \$6,103.18 to \$6,713.50
- b. Individual FFS rates reflecting the changes to reimbursement described above can be obtained starting January 1, 2023 from the AHCCCS website at:
<https://azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/RatesAndBilling/FFS/>
 - c. Written comments may be sent to the following address and must be

received no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2022 to
FFSRates@azahcccs.gov.

- d. 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, Phoenix, AZ 85034.