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 Primary Care Services effective for dates of service October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025.

3. The public information relating to the topic:

a. This Notice describes changes to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) Fee-For-Service (FFS) rates to be effective October 1, 2024. The AHCCCS Administration is proposing changes to the FFS rates specified in this Notice as required by the Arizona Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver.

Primary care services for provider types 08, 18, 19, and 31 will be updated per the Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) Arizona Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Section X Provider Payment Rate Increase Requirements. As a condition of approval and ongoing provision of Federal Financial Participation (FFP) in Designated State Health Programs (DSHP) and related expenditures over this demonstration period of performance, DY12 (FFY 2023) through DY16 (FFY 2027), the state will in accordance with these STCs increase and (at least) subsequently sustain, through DY16 (FFY 2027), Medicaid fee-for-service provider base rates, and require any relevant Medicaid managed care plan to increase for DY14 (FFY 2025) and (at least) subsequently sustain through DY16 (FFY 2027), network provider payment rates by at least two percentage points in the ratio of Medicaid to Medicare provider rates for each of the services that comprise the state's definition of primary care.

Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Registered Nurse Practitioners (Provider Types 08, 18, 19, and 31) will observe an aggregate increase of 3.81% as a result of the Differential Adjusted Payment (DAP) for primary care services outlined on the FFY 2025 PCP Code List. Please refer to the preliminary physician fee schedule for the specific rate increases at the CPT level. The total funds fiscal impact for the changes outlined above is \$1,123,100.

- b. Written comments may be submitted to AHCCCSDAP@azahcccs.gov and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2024.
- c. 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.