



SPECIAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION TELECONFERENCE

March 4, 2015

AHCCCS Administrative Offices

801 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85034

Conference Bridge: 1-877-820-7831, Participant Passcode: 108903#

NOTIFICATION TO TRIBES:

Good Afternoon,

This is to invite you to participate in a Special Tribal Consultation Teleconference on **March 4, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. (MST)**. Discussion will focus on State Plan Amendment (SPA) Nursing Facility Assessment amounts. A draft meeting agenda is attached for your information. The teleconference number is: **1-877-820-7831**, Participant code: **108903#**.

Following the teleconference, participants will have 14 days to submit written comments. Please send comments to Theresa Gonzales, Theresa.gonzales@azahcccs.gov.

If you have questions regarding this meeting feel free to contact me.

Bonnie

Bonnie Talakte

Tribal Relations Liaison

AHCCCS Office of Intergovernmental Relations

801 E. Jefferson, MD-4100 | Phoenix, AZ 85034

(602) 417-4610 (Office) | (602) 256-6756 (Fax)

Bonnie.Talakte@azahcccs.gov



AGENDA



SPECIAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION TELECONFERENCE

With Tribal Leaders, Tribal Members, Indian Health Services, Tribal Health Programs
Operated Under P.L. 93-638 and Urban Health Indian Programs

Date: March 4, 2015

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. (MST)

Conference Call-In: 1-877-820-7831, Participant Passcode: 108903#

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER
12:00 – 12:10 p.m.	Welcome & Introductions	<i>Theresa Gonzales</i> , AHCCCS Intergovernmental Relations Liaison
12:10 – 1:00 p.m.	Nursing Facility Assessment	<i>Victoria Burns</i> AHCCCS Reimbursement Administrator
*Following the teleconference, participants have 14 days to submit written comments. Please send comments to Theresa Gonzales, Theresa.gonzales@ahcccs.gov		

ATTENDEES:

I/T/Us	<u>Chinle Comprehensive Health:</u> Johanna Bahe <u>Pascua Yaqui Tribe:</u> Reuben Howard <u>Sells Indian Hospital:</u> Patty Whitethorne <u>Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation:</u> Violet Skinner <u>Tucson Area IHS:</u> Dixie Gaikowski <u>Winslow Indian Health Care Center:</u> Michelle Arena, Margie Saucedo
AHCCCS Representatives	Theresa Gonzales, Bonnie Talakte, Victoria Burns, Shelli Silver

MEETING SUMMARY

TOPICS	PRESENTERS
Welcome and Introductions	Theresa Gonzales , Intergovernmental Relations Liaison, provided the welcome and asked participants to introduce themselves.
Nursing Facility Assessment	Victoria Burns , AHCCCS Reimbursement Administrator, provided information on the Nursing Facility Assessment and Supplemental Payment Program, A.A.C. R9-28-702 and 703: Rule Revisions for State Plan Amendment: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revisions to the Rule were made at the request of the Nursing Facility Association 2. Have the effect of increasing the total amount available for supplemental payments, and simplifying the process of calculating the assessments 3. Key Provisions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Changed the per-day assessment rates b. Changed the data source that is used to determine the total

	<p>AHCCCS bed-days</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. No change to the exemptions contained in the program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. IHS and Tribal-638 nursing facilities remain exempt from paying the assessment d. No change to the method of calculating or distributing the supplemental payments e. No changes in eligibility to receive supplemental payments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. IHS and Tribal-638 nursing facilities remain eligible to receive supplemental payments <p>4. Most important change: increase to the per-day assessment rates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prior to this revision, a nursing facility was assessed at \$1.00 per non-Medicare day if its total AHCCCS bed-days were sufficient to qualify as a high-volume Medicaid provider; all other nursing facilities were assessed at \$7.50 per non-Medicare day. b. Revision increases those amounts to \$1.40 and \$10.50 respectively. <p>5. AHCCCS projects an increase of approximately \$15 million to the total funds available for supplemental payments; accounting for both the increased assessments paid and the federal matching dollars.</p> <p>6. Other significant change: data source used to determine the total AHCCCS bed-days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Prior to the Rule revision, the data source used to distinguish high-volume Medicaid providers from other providers was AHCCCS claims and encounters from the AHCCCS payment system b. Revision changes to Nursing Facility bed-day information reported annually by each licensed facility to the Dept. of Health Services – their annual Uniform Accounting Report (UAR) c. This change prompted by certain data issues that AHCCCS experienced in recent years, caused by reporting difficulties at some of the Managed Care Organizations, and which interfered with the smooth operation of the assessment calculation. d. All data issues have been resolved – using the UAR data going forward eliminates the potential for any similar future issues to hinder the Nursing Facility Assessment. <p>7. The Rule revisions had an effective date of September 6, 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Was the basis for the Nursing Facility Assessment for contract year 2015 <p>8. First increased assessment amounts resulting from the Rule revision were billed by the Dept. of Revenue in January</p> <p>9. First increased supplemental payments will be occurring this month.</p>
<p>Questions/ Answers</p>	<p>Q: Does this apply to nursing homes?</p> <p>A: No, it applies to Nursing Facilities and Skilled Nursing Facilities, as those are defined and licensed by ADHS.</p>