

**DATE:** October 11, 2019  
**TO:** Opioid Treatment Program Providers  
**FROM:** Office of the Director  
**SUBJECT:** New Opioid Treatment Program Requirements

To comply with Senate Bill 1535, subsequently enacted as ARS §36-2907.14 et seq, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is implementing new standards and reporting requirements for all Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) that receive reimbursement from the AHCCCS Administration or its Contractors.

AHCCCS also serves as the State Opioid Treatment Authority and is responsible for providing administrative and clinical oversight to certified OTPs. This oversight includes planning, developing, educating and implementing policies and procedures to ensure opioid dependency treatment is provided at an optimal level.

As of August 27, 2019, providers seeking to establish a new OTP site will be required to comply with the Opioid Treatment Program - Annual Requirements and provide all of the plans listed below to AHCCCS and obtain AHCCCS approval for each plan prior to the provision of AHCCCS reimbursable services.

Existing OTP sites will also be required to comply with the Opioid Treatment Program - Annual Requirements and provide all of the plans listed below to AHCCCS no later than November 15, 2019. For existing OTP sites, the November submission will serve as the first annual report to be updated yearly each November.

The Opioid Treatment Program - Annual Requirements requires the following plans from OTPs:

- I. Security Plan
- II. Neighborhood Engagement Plan
- III. Comprehensive Patient Care Plan
- IV. Community Relations and education plan
- V. Diversion Control Plan

Submitted reports will be posted to the AHCCCS website for public comment for thirty (30) days. Additionally, the city or town in which the OTP site is located shall be notified of the reports and will be provided thirty (30) days to supply comments to AHCCCS.

AHCCCS will review the submitted plans and make a determination on the sufficiency of the documentation. If AHCCCS determines there is a deficiency in any of the submitted documentation, the OTP will be provided thirty (30) days to correct the deficiency.

Please submit all documentation and any questions or concerns to [GrantsManagement@azahcccs.gov](mailto:GrantsManagement@azahcccs.gov).

More information can be found on the AHCCCS [Opioid Treatment Program Requirements](#) webpage.