## Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic, Integrated Clinic, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Community Service Agency and Behavioral Health Residential Facility Provider Moratorium

## **December 8, 2023**

In accordance with Section 42 CFR 455.470, I, Carmen Heredia, Cabinet Executive Officer of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), will implement for an additional 6 months a statewide moratorium on the enrollment of Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic, Integrated Clinic, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Community Service Agencies, and Behavioral Health Residential Facility providers. This moratorium extension will expire on June 8, 2023. This moratorium allows provider enrollment applications to be considered for an exemption on a case by case basis, under any of the following circumstances:

- Medically Underserved Service Area and access to care with review and approval by State Medicaid Agency,
- 2. Service expansion in support of a State Medicaid Agency initiative,
- 3. At the request of an AHCCCS contracted managed care plan to ensure that access to care standards (i.e., time and distance) are not out of compliance, or
- 4. Additional exemptions as appropriate and as needs are identified.

This moratoria was approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and shall be effective on December 8, 2023. This action is necessary to safeguard AHCCCS members, public funds and to maintain the fiscal integrity of the AHCCCS program.

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