

PRELIMINARY 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) rates for Home and Community-Based Services to be effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 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 for dates of service on and after January 1, 2025 to address the increased labor costs resulting from the Arizona minimum wage increase mandated by Proposition 206, the Flagstaff minimum wage increase mandated by Proposition 414 and later amended through action of the Flagstaff City Council, and the Tucson Minimum Wage Act increase by Proposition 206. The total change in FFS payments as a result of the changes is an estimated increase of \$956,600 for the time period of January 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025.
- b. The cumulative statewide rate increase is 1.52%, the cumulative Flagstaff rate increase is 1.87%, and the cumulative Tucson increase is 2.74%.
- c. AHCCCS' Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will be required to implement these rate increases effective with dates of service beginning January 1, 2025, for all services covered by this Notice and described below.
- d. Select Home and Community-Based Fee Schedule rates will be updated as illustrated:

HCPCS	Mod	Prov Type	Procedure Description	FFS	Flagstaff	Tucson
S5100			Day Care Services, Adult; per 15 min.	4.10	4.37	4.15
S5101			Day Care Services, Adult; per half day	49.71	52.82	50.31
S5102			Day Care Services, Adult; per diem	99.39	105.61	100.58
S5125			Attendant Care Services; 15 min.	6.67	7.08	6.75
S5130			Homemaker Services, NOS; 15 min.	8.40	8.91	8.50
S5135			Companion Care, adult; 15 minutes	6.67	7.08	6.75
S5136			Companion Care, adult, per diem	186.60	198.33	188.85
S5140			Foster Care, adult; per diem	96.20	102.20	97.36
S5150			Unskilled Respite Care, not hospice; per 15 min.	6.67	7.08	6.75

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S5151			Unskilled Respite Care, not hospice; per diem	336.99	358.04	341.04
S5170			Home Delivered Meals	13.76	14.61	13.92
T1019			Personal Care Services, per 15 min. (not for inpatient or resident of a hospital, NF, ICF/MR, or IMD; not to be used for services provided by home health aide or	8.83	9.43	8.94
T1021			Home Health Aide or Certified Nurse Assistant, per visit	60.03	63.79	60.75
T1021	U4		Home Health Aide or Certified Nurse Assistant, per visit	80.16	80.39	81.12
T1021	U5		Home Health Aide or Certified Nurse Assistant, per visit	80.16	80.39	81.12
T2016			Habilitation, Residential, Waiver; Per Diem	BR	BR	BR
T2017			Habilitation, Residential, Waiver; 15 minutes	BR	BR	BR
T2018			Habilitation, supported employment, waiver; per diem	34.63	36.78	35.04
T2019			Habilitation, supported employment, waiver; per 15 minutes	5.75	6.14	5.82
T2021			Day Habilitation, Waiver; Per 15 Minutes	BR	BR	BR
T2031			Assisted Living; Waiver,Per Diem	BR	BR	BR
T2033			Residential Care, Not Otherwise Specified (NOS), Waiver; Per Diem	BR	BR	BR

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HCPCS	Mod	Prov Type	Procedure Description	FFS	Flagstaff	Tucson
S5125	U2		Attendant Care provided through SDAC service	4.80	5.10	4.86

- e. The Flagstaff increase indicated above will apply to claims associated with one of the following zip codes: 86001, 86004, and 86005.
- f. The Tucson rates specified above will apply to the following zip codes: 85641, 85701, 85704, 85705, 85706, 85707, 85708, 85709, 85710, 85711, 85712, 85713, 85714, 85715, 85716, 85718, 85719, 85723, 85724, 85726, 85730, 85745, 85746, 85747, 85748, 85749, and 85756.
- g. The changes for the rates in this Notice are 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.

- h. More information regarding these changes to reimbursement can be obtained at the Offices of the AHCCCS Administration, 801 E. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85034.
- i. Comments regarding the proposed AHCCCS FFS rates may be submitted electronically at FFSRates@azahcccs.gov. All comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 8, 2024.