

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 is proposing to amend its State Plan with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) regarding nursing facility supplemental payments effective on and after October 1, 2015.
3. **The public information relating to the topic:**
 - a. Laws 2015, First Regular Session, Chapter 39 (Senate Bill 1136) made changes to the nursing facility supplemental payments described in A.R.S. §36-2999.55. These changes prohibit AHCCCS from making quarterly supplemental payments to nursing facilities that are located outside the State of Arizona. Nursing facility supplemental payments are funded by assessments on Arizona nursing facilities, matched with Federal dollars. Nursing facilities outside the State of Arizona are not licensed by the State and therefore do not pay assessments to the State of Arizona to contribute to the funding. Out-of-State nursing facilities will cease to receive supplemental payments beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2016, which began on October 1, 2015.

The Agency anticipates no fiscal impact on an annualized basis due to the proposed change as the total payments to nursing facilities will be unchanged, however, there will be an immaterial increase in payments to nursing facilities located in Arizona.

- b. These changes are being made in order to comply with State Law.
- c. Written comments may be sent to the following address and must be receiving no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2016:

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Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
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The complete language of the law may be viewed through the Arizona Legislature's website at the following link: <http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/52leg/1r/laws/0039.pdf>

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- d. The Notice of Public Information regarding this proposed change is expected to be published in the Arizona Administrative Register on or before January 8, 2016.