

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 (HCBS) to be effective for dates of service of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020.

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 for HCBS to be effective for dates of service of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 and January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 to address the increased labor costs resulting from the Arizona minimum wage increase and employee benefit provisions mandated by Proposition 206, and the Flagstaff minimum wage increase mandated by Proposition 414 and later amended through action of the Flagstaff City Council.
 - For the time period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, HCBS rates will reflect an overall increase of 3.6%.
 - For the time period of January 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020, HCBS rates will reflect an increase of 2.6% for Statewide and 2.4% for Flagstaff rates.
 - The total change in FFS payments as a result of the proposed changes is an estimated increase of \$4,331,122.
- b. AHCCCS' Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) will be required to pass-through these rate increases for the above dates of service for all services covered by this Notice and described below.
- c. Select Home and Community-Based Fee Schedule rates will be updated as illustrated below:

Rates Effective 10/01/2019

HCPCS	Mod	Procedure Description	FFS Rate	Flagstaff Rate
S5100		Day Care Services, Adult; per 15 min.	\$3.12	\$3.21
S5101		Day Care Services, Adult; per half day	\$37.76	\$38.77
S5102		Day Care Services, Adult; per diem	\$75.51	\$77.52
S5125		Attendant Care Services; 15 min.	\$5.05	\$5.19
S5125	U2	Attendant Care provided through SDAC service	\$3.65	\$3.75
S5130		Homemaker Services, NOS; 15 min.	\$6.37	\$6.54
S5135		Companion Care, adult; 15 minutes	\$5.05	\$5.19
S5140		Foster Care, adult; per diem	\$73.08	\$75.01
S5150		Unskilled Respite Care, not hospice; per 15 min.	\$5.05	\$5.19
S5151		Unskilled Respite Care, not hospice; per diem	\$255.98	\$262.80
S5170		Home Delivered Meals	\$10.44	\$10.71
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 CNA)	\$6.72	\$6.91
T1021		Home Health Aide or Certified Nurse Assistant, per visit	\$45.60	\$46.81
T2018		Habilitation, supported employment, waiver; per diem	\$26.31	\$26.99
T2019		Habilitation, supported employment, waiver; per 15 minutes	\$4.37	\$4.51

Rates Effective 01/01/2020				
HCPCS	Mod	Procedure Description	FFS Rate	Flagstaff Rate
S5100		Day Care Services, Adult; per 15 min.	\$3.20	\$3.28
S5101		Day Care Services, Adult; per half day	\$38.75	\$39.70
S5102		Day Care Services, Adult; per diem	\$77.49	\$79.38
S5125		Attendant Care Services; 15 min.	\$5.19	\$5.32
S5125	U2	Attendant Care provided through SDAC service	\$3.75	\$3.84
S5130		Homemaker Services, NOS; 15 min.	\$6.53	\$6.70
S5135		Companion Care, adult; 15 minutes	\$5.19	\$5.32
S5140		Foster Care, adult; per diem	\$74.99	\$76.81
S5150		Unskilled Respite Care, not hospice; per 15 min.	\$5.19	\$5.32
S5151		Unskilled Respite Care, not hospice; per diem	\$262.69	\$269.10
S5170		Home Delivered Meals	\$10.72	\$10.97
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 CNA)	\$6.89	\$7.08
T1021		Home Health Aide or Certified Nurse Assistant, per visit	\$46.79	\$47.94
T2018		Habilitation, supported employment, waiver; per diem	\$27.00	\$27.64
T2019		Habilitation, supported employment, waiver; per 15 minutes	\$4.48	\$4.62

Percentage Increase Effective 10/01/2019				
HCPCS	Mod	Description	Statewide	Flagstaff
All codes		All Descriptions	3.6%	3.6%

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HCPCS	Mod	Description	Statewide	Flagstaff
S5100		Day Care Services, Adult; per 15 min.	2.6%	2.4%
S5101		Day Care Services, Adult; per half day	2.6%	2.4%
S5102		Day Care Services, Adult; per diem	2.6%	2.4%
S5125		Attendant Care Services; 15 min.	2.6%	2.4%
S5125	U2	Attendant Care provided through SDAC service	2.6%	2.4%

Percentage Increase Effective 01/01/2020				
HCPCS	Mod	Description	Statewide	Flagstaff
S5130		Homemaker Services, NOS; 15 min.	2.6%	2.4%
S5135		Companion Care, adult; 15 minutes	2.6%	2.4%
S5140		Foster Care, adult; per diem	2.6%	2.4%
S5150		Unskilled Respite Care, not hospice; per 15 min.	2.6%	2.4%
S5151		Unskilled Respite Care, not hospice; per diem	2.6%	2.4%
S5170		Home Delivered Meals	2.6%	2.4%
T1019		Personal Care Services, per 15 min. (not inpatient or residential; not home health aide or CNA)	2.6%	2.4%
T1021		Home Health Aide or Certified Nurse Assistant, per visit	2.6%	2.4%
T2018		Habilitation, supported employment, waiver; per diem	2.6%	2.4%
T2019		Habilitation, supported employment, waiver; per 15 min	2.6%	2.4%

In addition, the increase in reimbursement will be applied to claims for the following services for which AHCCCS does not establish a capped fee-for-service fee schedule rate:

HCPCS	Description	Statewide	Flagstaff
T2016	Habilitation, Residential, Waiver; Per Diem	2.6%	2.4%
T2017	Habilitation, Residential, Waiver; 15 Minutes	2.6%	2.4%
T2021	Day Habilitation, Waiver; Per 15 Minutes	2.6%	2.4%
T2031	Assisted Living; Waiver, Per Diem	2.6%	2.4%
T2033	Residential Care, Not Otherwise Specified (NOS), Waiver; Per Diem	2.6%	2.4%

- d. Please note that these rates supersede the rates posted in the 10/1/19 Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Fee-For-Service Fee Schedule.
- e. The Flagstaff increase indicated above will apply to claims associated with one of the following zip codes: 86001, 86004, and 86005.
- f. The Department of Economic Security, Division of Developmental Disabilities (DES/DDD) is also increasing select Home and Community-Based Fee Schedule rates effective with dates of service on and after October 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020, to address the same issues described in 3.a. above. AHCCCS will adjust the capitation rates for DES/DDD effective October 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020.
- g. The changes proposed for the rates in this Notice are proposed 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. Written comments may be sent to the following address and must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 15, 2019 to FFSRates@azahcccs.gov.
- i. More information regarding these changes to reimbursement can be obtained from the AHCCCS website at:

https://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/RatesAndBilling/FFS/AHCCCSprovider_rateanalysis.html. Many public libraries offer access to the internet. In addition, the information can be obtained at the Offices of the AHCCCS Administration, 701 E. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85034.