

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

1. **Name of the Agency:** Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
2. **The topic of the public information notice:** AHCCCS Emergency Ground Ambulance Rate Update for Dates of Service On and After October 1, 2015
3. **The public information relating to the topic:**

This Notice of Public Information describes proposed changes to the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) fee-for-service (FFS) reimbursement rates for emergency ambulance services provided by ground ambulance providers operating under a certificate of necessity issued by the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS). The proposed changes are required by Arizona statute and will apply only to emergency ground ambulance rates for ground ambulance providers whose rates are set by ADHS. The changes to rates will take effect for dates of service on and after October 1, 2015.

Pursuant to Arizona Laws 2015, Chapter 14, Section 3 (SB 1475), the new rates for emergency ground ambulance services for dates of service on and after October 1, 2015 will be set at 68.59% of the rates established on the July 1, 2015 Arizona Ground Ambulance Service Rate Schedule published by ADHS, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services. AHCCCS estimates that these changes in rates will result in a decrease of 4.5% in FFS payments to these ground ambulance providers for emergency ground ambulance services.

Written comments may be sent to the following address and received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2015:

Michael Veit, Contracts and Purchasing Administrator
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
701 E. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

More information regarding these proposed changes to reimbursement may be obtained at the following link to SB 1475:

http://www.azleg.gov/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/legtext/52leg/1r/laws/0014.htm&Session_ID=114

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.

The Notice of Public Information regarding these proposed changes to emergency ground ambulance rates for dates of service on and after October 1, 2015 is expected to be published in the Arizona Administrative Register on or before June 5, 2015.