

Special Consultation Meeting between AHCCCS, ADHS, and Tribal Behavioral Health Programs Operated under P.L. 93-638

Friday, July 1, 2011

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AHCCCS Administration – Gold Room – 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85034

Conference Call Available – Please RSVP to Carol Chicharello, AHCCCS Tribal Relations Liaison

10:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks & Introductions

Carol Chicharello
Tribal Relations Liaison
AHCCCS Office of Intergovernmental Relations

10:10 a.m. Opening Prayer

Juanita Homer
Behavioral Health Program Manager
Tohono O’odham Nation

10:20 a.m. AHCCCS Reimbursement for Behavioral Health Services for AI Acute Care Members

Carol Chicharello

- Previous CMS Guidance Regarding Availability of 100% FFP
- Current Policy Shaped by Previous Guidance
- New CMS Guidance Regarding Availability of 100% FFP
- BHS for AI AHCCCS Acute Care Members Document
- Proposed Direct Billing Change (Pros and Cons Document)
- Direct Billing vs. Reimbursement vs. Services Provided by the Tribal Behavioral Health Program
- Deadline of July 25, 2011 for Tribes to Notify AHCCCS of Direct Billing for Certain Services

Jennifer Amen, MD
Medical Director & Assistant Director
AHCCCS Division of Fee for Service Management

10:50 a.m. ADHS Behavioral Health Services for AI AHCCCS Acute Care Members

Lydia Hubbard-Pourier

- Current RBHA Service Delivery to AI in Tribal Communities
- Historical Background Regarding TRBHA Agreements
- Current TRBHA Service Delivery to AI in Tribal Communities
- Direct Billing and Operating as a TRBHA or Not Operating as a TRBHA (Pros and Cons Document)
- Future Inquiries Regarding Intergovernmental Agreements

Department of Behavioral Health Services
Arizona Department of Health Services

11:20 a.m. Comments from Tribes

Representatives from Tribal Health Programs

- Unique Circumstances – TRBHA, BHS IGA, non-T/RBHA Served by RBHA(s)
- Service Delivery Needs
- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Other

11:55 a.m. Wrap Up and Adjournment

Carol Chicharello

REMINDER: Deadline for Tribes to Notify AHCCCS of Direct Billing for Certain Services is no later than July 25, 2011. Direct billing will not impact TRBHA IGAs. Tribes may inquire about their current TRBHA IGAs at any time.