

AHCCCS
Special Tribal Consultation by Conference Call

December 13, 2012

AHCCCS Administration, 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, Arizona

SUMMARY

NOTIFICATION TO TRIBES:

Good Afternoon,

This is to inform you of a special AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Teleconference scheduled for December 13, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **The conference call-in number is: 1-877-820-7831, Participant Passcode: 162140#.** An agenda and meetings materials will be sent early next week.

Topics of discussion are:

- Medicare, Part D Changes
- SPA 12-012 Tobacco Cessation Services for Pregnant Women
- Anti-Coagulation Therapy
- CMS FAQs & Childless Adult Waiver
- City of Phoenix Tax Proposal

Don't hesitate to call me if you have questions regarding the teleconference.

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MEETING ATTENDEES:

Tribes Represented	Colorado River Indian Tribes, Navajo Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe Ft. Mohave Tribe
Tribal Health Organizations	Phoenix IHS, Tucson IHS, Navajo IHS, Pascua Yaqui Health Center, Ft. Mohave Health Center, Chinle IHS
I/T/Us	Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

AGENDA:



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TELECONFERENCE**

**Thursday, December 13, 2012
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (MST)
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| 2:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions | Rebecca Fields,
Assistant Director
Division of Fee-for-Service Management
AHCCCS |
| Medicare, Part-D Changes | Suzanne Berman,
Pharmacy Director
AHCCCS |
| SPA 12-012 Tobacco Cessation Services for Pregnant Women | Kim Elliott,
Clinical Quality Management Administrator
Division of Health Care Management
AHCCCS |
| Anti-Coagulation Therapy | Rebecca Fields |
| City of Phoenix Tax Proposal | Monica Coury,
Assistant Director
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
AHCCCS |
| CMS FAQs & Childless Adult Waiver | Theresa Gonzales,
Executive Consultant III
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
AHCCCS |
| 3:00 p.m. Adjourn | |

Welcome and Introductions	Rebecca Fields provided the Welcome and Introductions.
Medicare Part-D Changes	<p>Suzanne Berman Presenter:</p> <p>-January 1, 2013 changes for AHCCCS Dual Eligibles due to changes in Medicare regulations. These are patients who have both AHCCCS and Medicare coverage or are eligible for Medicare.</p> <p>-Effective January 1, 2013, AHCCCS will no longer be covering Benzodiazepines and barbiturates for these members. These drugs will be transitioning to the Medicare Part D Plans for coverage and payment. AHCCCS will continue to cover Over-the-Counter products on and after January 1st for the Dual Eligibles. All benzodiazepines will transition to the Medicare Part D Plan for coverage and payment.</p> <p>-All barbiturates that are used to treat epilepsy, cancer or chronic mental health conditions will transition to Medicare Part D Plans for coverage and Payment. AHCCCS will continue to cover a barbiturate if it is NOT being used to treat epilepsy, cancer or a chronic mental health condition. If this situation applies to a member than the prescriber will have to submit a prior authorization to PBM for review. A preliminary review of the barbiturate data indicated that our system wide utilization is for epilepsy and therefore we expect the current utilization to transition to Medicare Part D for coverage and payment.</p>
SPA-12-012 Tobacco Cessation Services for Pregnant Women	<p>Kim Elliott Presenter:</p> <p>Q: Do we already cover this?</p> <p>A: Yes</p> <p>Q: How does the ASH line fit into this?</p> <p>A: The ASH line provides counseling and will continue to be available.</p> <p>Q: How does someone who goes to IHS get medicine for tobacco cessation?</p> <p>A: Their PCP will provide a prescription which will be processed through the FFS PBM.</p>
Anti-Coagulation Therapy	<p>Rebecca Fields Presenter:</p> <p>Anti-coagulation Therapy for HIS/638 facilities will be considered under the counseling for medication services that are currently reimbursed at the All-Inclusive-Rate.</p>

<p>City of Phoenix Tax Proposal</p>	<p>Monica Coury Presenter:</p> <p>The City of Phoenix passed an ordinance that will tax hospitals located within the City of Phoenix. The monies collected from the tax will be transferred to AHCCCS to be matched with federal dollars and then used to make supplemental payments to hospitals for their uncompensated care as well as support additional KidsCare coverage and perhaps other coverage efforts. This proposal has been posted to the AHCCCS website for public comment and then submitted to CMS for final approval.</p>
<p>Childless Adults Waiver Update</p>	<p>Theresa Gonzales Presenter:</p> <p>Q: Is Arizona an expansion state?</p> <p>A: Yes. Through Prop 204, Arizona is considered an early expansion state under the ACA.</p> <p>Q: How does this impact the IHS Supplemental Waiver?</p> <p>A: It also expires on December 13, 2013, so if Arizona does not have authority to cover childless adults, IHS will be significantly impacted. This is why it is so important to have a meaningful evaluation that shows the benefits of the IHS Supplemental Waiver, if we seek to extend it.</p>
<p>Wrap-Up/Adjourn:</p>	<p>3:00 p.m. (MST)</p>