



TRIBAL INDEPENDENT PROVIDER TRANSITION UPDATE

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Independent Provider Transition

- The Independent Provider (IP) Program phase out is underway and on track to close by **December 31, 2014**.
- There are currently 265 active Independent Providers statewide who must seek employment with an AHCCCS registered and Tribal approved Direct Care Service Agency.

AHCCCS/Tribal Workgroup Update

- Informational forums have been held across the state for both Independent Providers and Direct Care Service Agencies
- Notification letters have been sent to members, Independent Providers, and Direct Care Service Agencies
- 2nd notification letters to Independent Providers were mailed in mid-August
- AHCCCS Operations and Long Term Care staff have provided technical assistance to tribes as requested
- A Tracking Tool was developed to monitor individual IP transition progress. Tool was distributed to Case Managers August 15th, with request for monthly updates

Progress Update

NAVAJO NATION

Number of Independent Providers	27
Direct Care Service Agencies	35
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	4
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Navajo Nation has 35 plus Direct Care Service Agencies available to the Independent Providers

Progress Update

WHITE MOUNTAIN APACHE

Number of Independent Providers	8
Direct Care Service Agencies	Soaring Eagles
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	4
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 IPs undecided about employment to date• 2 IPs no longer serve as caregivers

Progress Update

SAN CARLOS APACHE

Number of Independent Providers	60
Direct Care Service Agencies	Soaring Eagles Four Corners Staffing Quality Home Care Home Sweet Home
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	4
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Job Fair held in September• 30 IPs applied & applications are in process

Progress Update

GILA RIVER INDIAN COMMUNITY

Number of Independent Providers	7
Direct Care Service Agencies	Four Corners Staffing Desert Nursing
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	0
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 IPs applied & applications are in process• 1 IP no longer serves as a caregiver

Progress Update

PASCUA YAQUI

Number of Independent Providers	5
Direct Care Service Agencies	ResCare Home Care
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	5
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transition completed in November, 2013

Progress Update

TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Number of Independent Providers	107
Direct Care Service Agencies	ResCare Home Care Sun Life
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	93
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tohono O'odham initiated a Direct Care Service Agency Pilot Program• 10 IPs (of the 93) are with this pilot• 14 IPs undecided about employment to date

Progress Update

HOPI	
Number of Independent Providers	5
Direct Care Service Agencies	Soaring Eagles Quality Home Care
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	4
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 IP is in the application process

Progress Update

NATIVE HEALTH—CAMP VERDE

Number of Independent Providers	3
Direct Care Service Agencies	UB for Me
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	0
Comments	

Progress Update

NATIVE HEALTH—PEACH SPRINGS

Number of Independent Providers	2
Direct Care Service Agencies	UB for Me Valley Care
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	0
Comments	

Progress Update

NATIVE HEALTH—PARKER

Number of Independent Providers	13
Direct Care Service Agencies	Guardian Angels
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	0
Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 IPs applied & applications in process• 1 IP undecided about employment to date

Progress Update

NATIVE HEALTH—YUMA

Number of Independent Providers	8
Direct Care Service Agencies	ResCare Home Care Guardian Angels
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	5
Comments	

Progress Update

NATIVE HEALTH—SALT RIVER

Number of Independent Providers	18
Direct Care Service Agencies	Quality Home Care Valley Care Caring Hearts
Number of Independent Providers Transitioned to Date	0
Comments	

Progress Update

- **121** Independent Providers have successfully transitioned to Direct Care Service Workers
- **Reminder!!** The Independent Provider Program ends on December 31, 2014

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Thank you