



Electronic Health Record (EHR) Program Updates

Jakenna Lebsack, MPA
Quality Improvement Manager
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System



EHR Incentive Payments

- As of July 2015, AHCCCS has paid out:
 - \$157,538,400.79 (Eligible Hospitals - EHs)
 - \$ 72,323,682.00 (Eligible Professionals - EPs)
 - **\$229,862,082.79 TOTAL**
- IHS-Specific:
 - \$ 18,677,678.75 (EHs)
 - \$ 10,157,500.00 (EPs)

Program Year 2014 and Flexibility

- Program Year 2014 attestations can be made through August 31, 2015
- Providers have the option to utilize “Flexibility”
 - Only option excluded from Flexibility is AIU
 - Vendor documentation must accompany Flexibility attestations

Payment Changes

- AHCCCS recently implemented a new finance system with enhanced payment processing capabilities
- EHR payments will now be held if the Payee owes money to AHCCCS
 - If the debt is less than the incentive amount, the Payee will receive a partial incentive payment



Teledentistry

Jakenna Lebsock, MPA
Quality Improvement Manager
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System



Teledentistry and Affiliated Dental Hygienists

- Teledentistry – acquisition and transmission of all necessary subjective and objective diagnostic data through interactive audio, video, or data communications by an AHCCCS-registered dental provider to a distant dentist for triage, dental treatment planning, and referral
 - Includes provision of preventive and other approved therapeutic services the AHCCCS-registered affiliated practice dental hygienist, who provides dental hygiene services under an affiliated practice relationship with a dentist

Senate Bill 1282

- Builds upon affiliated practice dental hygienist legislation passed in 2004 (Sec. 32-1281 H, 32-1289)
- Gives authority to affiliated practice dental hygienists to utilize teledentistry services
- Mandates AHCCCS to implement teledentistry services for enrolled members who are under twenty-one years of age

AMPM, Chapter 300

- Teledentistry does apply to EPSDT-aged members
- Revises the code set available to affiliated practice dental hygienists registered with AHCCCS

Teledentistry Limitations

- Teledentistry does not replace the dental examination by the dentist
- Limited, periodic, and comprehensive examinations cannot be billed through the use of teledentistry alone

Questions?