



SPECIAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION TELECONFERENCE

February 24, 2016

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Phoenix Time)

Conference Bridge: 1-877-820-7831, Participant Passcode: 108903#

NOTIFICATION TO TRIBES:

Good Morning!

This is to inform you that a special AHCCCS Tribal Consultation teleconference is scheduled to discuss the annual IHS/638 All Inclusive Adjustment (AIR) rate. The teleconference is scheduled for **February 24, 2016 from 1:00-2:00 p.m.** (Phoenix time), The conference call-in number is: **1-877-820-7831**, participant passcode, **108903#**. Meeting documents will be sent a few days prior to the meeting. The draft agenda is attached.

AHCCCS has determined that the annual I.H.S./638 AIR adjustment rate increase was not applied for calendar years 2014 and 2015. AHCCCS will be issuing one payment to adjust for this oversight. This meeting is to discuss the calculation itself.

Please place this important date on your calendars. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,
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AGENDA



SPECIAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION TELECONFERENCE

With Tribal Leaders, Tribal Members, Indian Health Services, Tribal Health Programs Operated Under P.L. 93-638 and Urban Indian Health Programs

Date: Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Phoenix Time)

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TOPIC	LEAD
1:00 p.m. - Welcome & Introductions	<i>Bonnie Talakte</i> Tribal Relations Liaison
<u>All Inclusive Adjustment Rates for IHS & 638 Facilities</u>	<i>Anne Dye,</i> Deputy Director Division of Fee-for-Service Management
<p>AHCCCS has determined that the annual IHS/638 AIR adjustment rate increase was not applied to the Supplemental Uncompensated Care Option 2 payments in accordance with the 1115 Waiver for calendar years 2014 and 2015. AHCCCS will be issuing one payment to adjust for this oversight. This meeting is to discuss the calculation itself.</p>	
2:00 p.m. - Adjourn	

ATTENDEES:

Tribes	<u>Colorado River Indian Tribes:</u> Kelly Baldenegro <u>Gila River Indian Community:</u> Mike Asmussen, Ginger Fligger <u>Navajo Nation:</u> Kirk Shin, Carolyn Cordero, Vickie Long <u>Pascua Yaqui Tribe:</u> Linda Guerrero <u>Tohono O'odham Nation:</u> Michelle Begay <u>White Mountain Apache Tribe:</u> Evelyn Emory, Tiffany Taylor, Jessica Rudolfo
I/T/Us	<u>Native Health:</u> Deanna Witt <u>Navajo Area IHS:</u> Terry Chee <u>Phoenix Area IHS:</u> Carol Chicharello, Erica McLeary, <u>Phoenix Indian Health Center:</u> Doreen Pawn, John Meeth <u>Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation:</u> Violet Skinner, Lynette Bonar
Other	<u>Inter Tribal Council of Arizona:</u> Alida Montiel, Ann Susan
AHCCCS Representatives	Bonnie Talakte, Anne Dye, John Moorman

MEETING SUMMARY

TOPICS	SUMMARY
<p>All Inclusive Adjustment Rates (AIR) for IHS & 638 Facilities</p>	<p>Anne Dye, Deputy Director, Division of Fee-for-Service Management, informed participants that AHCCCS has determined that the annual All Inclusive Rate (AIR) adjustment rate increase was not applied to the Supplemental Uncompensated Care Option 2 payments in accordance with the 11115 Waiver for calendar years 2014 and 2015. AHCCCS will be issuing one payment to adjust for the oversight. The meeting was called because the payments need to be made before March 31, 2016. AHCCCS has a 2 year time limit to claim federal dollars. Facilities should expect payment by the 3rd week of March 2016.</p> <p>The specific purpose of the meeting was to discuss the payment methodology. Ms. Dye went over, in detail, each of the handouts which included the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PMPM Current Payment Calculation 2. AIR Increase Per Federal Register 3. CY 2014 Option 2 PMPM Adjustment Payment 4. CY 2015 Option 2 PMPM Adjustment Payment <p>Ms. Dye apologized for the oversight on behalf of AHCCCS and assured everyone that the AIR payments will continue to be made quarterly. She thanked everyone for participating in the teleconference.</p>
<p>Question & Answer</p>	<p>The following questions were asked:</p> <p>Q: So I that understand the chart/spreadsheet better, for the IHS-638 Option 2 Waiver period January 1, 2014-December 31 2014, why is the adjustment rate as low as 40 cents or 80 cents for some facilities?</p> <p>A: That is because payments were not made to facilities that year or were very low payments made to them during that year.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Q: In terms of the PMPM current payment calculation, the way I understood you to say is that it described information directly from IHS-638 facilities and percentages involved. What I think you meant to say is this is from AHCCCS utilization data. Correct?</p> <p>A: I stand corrected. What we did was take the entire payment history for a year for each facility. That is what enabled us to make the very first cut of utilization/cost utilization.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">~</p> <p>Q: The population, as we have discussed in the Uncompensated Care Workgroup, is the childless adult population. The services for</p>

this population were restricted and not covered. Does the population include 20 year olds?

A: The 20 year olds and younger were covered by Early and Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT). The childless adult benefit was restored in 2014. This represents all other benefits that had not been restored and now we have three benefits left. By 2014 the inpatient day limit over 25 days was restored and the orthotics benefit was restored on August 1, 2015 which left the three remaining benefits that we have been paying which are, emergency dental, services provided by podiatrists and physical therapy.

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Q: To whom will the payments be made?

A: To each facility. It will go to whoever receives the uncompensated care payments.

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Q: What kinds of measures are put in place to calculate the AIR regularly?

A: The Federal register is consulted whenever it comes out every year. The AIR percentage increase is calculated and applied to the uncompensated care payments—retroactive to the beginning of that year. There is a process in place to do that.

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Q: When the first Waiver was submitted I believe AHCCCS came up with an average of the AIR increases because they didn't know exactly what the AIR would be for each year. There was an average used over the course of several years. What was the percentage used in comparison to the actuals used for the 2014 and 2015 years?

A: I will have to do research. I don't know what it is.

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Q: When will the AIR be established for 2016?

A: Anytime from April to June.