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TARGETED INVESTMENTS PROGRAM RENEWAL

The [Targeted Investments Program \(TI 2.0\)](#) has been approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for \$250 million as part of Arizona's Section 1115 Waiver. The program is active for 5 years from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2027. See the [AHCCCS news release](#) and the [CMS announcement](#).

TI 2.0 initiatives will build off TI 1.0 by furthering point-of-care integration achievements of original TI 1.0 program. These enhanced initiatives include:

- effectively coordinating amongst healthcare providers and community partners to address the individual's whole person care needs, including primary care, behavioral health, and health-related social needs such as housing instability, food insecurity, and transportation needs;
- systematically identifying and reducing inequitable health outcomes within the organization's patient population; and
- adopting Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) standards to advance health equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities.

Incentive payments will be based on meeting process-related milestones and performance measure targets.

All interested primary care and behavioral health organizations, regardless of TI 1.0 participation, have the opportunity to submit an application through an AHCCCS Online portal and upload specified documents to demonstrate meeting application requirements **by 9/30/2023**. Participation will be at the organization (Tax ID) level for AHCCCS enrolled clinics.

The Application Portal will be available in the Summer of 2023. We will send another Newsletter as soon as the portal is available.

TI 2.0 Provider Types:

Primary Care (Adult & Pediatrics)

- Family practice MDs, DOs, NPs, and PAs working at primary care clinics enrolled with AHCCCS under the same TIN
- OB/GYNs are encouraged to participate

Behavioral Health (Adult & Pediatrics)

- Licensed 77-BH outpatient and ICs enrolled with AHCCCS under the same Tax ID.

Justice (Adult Only)

- Justice clinics must be licensed and provide PCP and behavioral health services. This includes AHCCCS-enrolled ICs, FQHCs, or RHCs that have a strong commitment from a justice partner, such as State Parole or the county Adult Probation office

Application Process

All interested provider organizations must:

- submit an application by **5 PM (MST) 9/30/2023** - The AHCCCS Application portal will be available **Summer, 2023; AND**
- attest that all participating clinics under the TIN use an EHR system capable of bi-directional data exchange with the HIE (Contexture) that is either:
 - currently transmitting data on a core data set for all members to the HIE, or
 - under signed Scope of Work to accomplish this by **9/30/2024; AND**
- upload documentation to demonstrate prerequisite policy and procedures containing minimum elements with the application by **9/30/2023**. These minimum elements will be defined on the AHCCCS Targeted Investments website soon.

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program before December, 2023.

TI 1.0 YEAR 5 PAYMENT

Final Y5 performance measure results were communicated to all of the organization's contacts in September, 2022. TI 1.0 participants can expect Y5 payment in December, 2022. Only the organization's Authorized User will receive the payment-related email- please contact the TI team to confirm the Authorized Users on file if this individual has changed recently.

TI 1.0 YEAR 6 ATTESTATION

Before You Submit Attestation

Participants **MUST** confirm the service address and AHCCCS Provider ID (BH and Hospital participants only) linked to the TI attestation is accurate as of 9/30/2022 (or the last day the clinic was open) before submitting attestation. Attestation will be withdrawn, and **the attestation will not count towards payment if these site identifiers are not correct. If this information is incorrect, participants must:**

- 1) Confirm or update the [AHCCCS Provider Enrollment Portal \(APEP\)](#) to reflect the correct service address, including the suite number when applicable;
- 2) Notify the Targeted Investments team of changes by completing this "[Report A Change](#)" Google form;
- 3) Wait to submit attestation until the TI team has updated the attestation portal with the corrected information.

Attestation Process

The Targeted Investments (TI) Year 6 Attestation Portal is now open **until December 30, 2022 at 5:00pm**. Consistent with prior years, each participating site must submit their Year 6 attestation in order to be paid for any passed milestones in the year.

Y6 Core Component & IPAT Score

Participants will need to attest to Core Components 1 and 2 in addition to entering the IPAT scores. IPAT score documentation does not need to be uploaded into the TI Attestation Portal, but it is advised that the recorded TI-related documentation be retained in case it is pulled for a random post-pay audit.

Year 6 QIC & IPAT Milestones

For TI Year 6, AHCCCS has increased the QIC attendance and IPAT milestone weight to a combined 20% of payment. QIC attendance milestone is 15% and IPAT milestone is 5%. The adjustment to these base milestones also includes decreasing the weights of certain other milestones in the various Areas of Concentration.

Year 6 Payment

Year 6 performance measure results will be finalized and communicated to participants in Spring, 2023. Participants can expect Year 6 payment by Fall 2023.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE WITH CONTEXTURE

Contexture, formerly Health Current, has joined with Colorado's CORHIO to form a new regional health information exchange organization. Technical assistance from Contexture is available to provide TI participants with technical assistance on data use and exchange. This includes strategies for making effective use of incoming data, such as using health information technology and securely sharing clinical data in order to improve care coordination, identifying and managing patient populations, and developing high risk patient registries. Contact your Contexture account manager or HIEmail@Contexture.org for assistance.

PARTICIPANT RESPONSIBILITY TO COMMUNICATE CHANGES

In order for AHCCCS to calculate TI 1.0 participants' incentive payments in a complete and timely manner, participants are responsible for clearly communicating changes in participating sites. This includes situations where the participating organization anticipates relocating, merging, closing a TI Participating site(s), merging with other organizations throughout the duration of the program, changes to participating facility or service provider IDs, or if participating clinics have moved to another service address. Please note that Health Plans and AHCCCS do not notify each other of any changes, so changes must be communicated to both. To ensure your changes do not interfere with timely receipt of your incentive payments, participants must do the following:

1) Notify AHCCCS Provider Registration and take the necessary steps outlined by Provider Registration using the AHCCCS Provider Enrollment Portal (APEP); **AND**

2) Notify your contracted Health Plans of any changes; **AND**

3) Notify the TI Team at targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov of the anticipated change or when the change will occur. This can be done via our ["Report a Change" Google form](#). If you plan to no longer participate in the TI Program, please notify the TI team at targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov

Please email targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

The Targeted Investments Team