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The Honorable Katie Hobbs
Governor of Arizona
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The Honorable Warren Petersen
President of the Senate
Arizona State Senate
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The Honorable Ben Toma
Speaker of the House
Arizona House of Representatives
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Dear Governor Hobbs, President Petersen, and Speaker Toma:

In accordance with A.R.S. §36-3405, please find the enclosed report supplying programmatic and financial information related to the provision of behavioral health services. Do not hesitate to contact me at (602) 417-4711 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,



Carmen Heredia
Cabinet Executive Officer
and Executive Deputy Director

cc: Sarah Brown, Director, Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting
Richard Stavneak, Director, Joint Legislative Budget Committee
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**Behavioral Health Services
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2023**

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Introduction

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) submits the following financial and programmatic annual report for State Fiscal Year (FY) 2023, pursuant to A.R.S §36-3405(a)(b)(c). The report provides financial expenditures and identifies the number of members who received behavioral health services.

This year's report of financial expenditures is based on allocation methodologies due to the service package integration that took place in FY 2019, effective October 1, 2018, when the managed care organizations (MCOs) were contracted to manage the provision of physical and behavioral health care services for the majority of AHCCCS members. In FY 2019, the per member per month (pmpm) capitation rate paid by AHCCCS to the MCOs changed to a single combined payment covering the full integrated services. The annual legislative appropriation also changed to reflect this integrated model and no longer separately appropriated behavioral health funding that was the basis for annual reports prior to FY 2019.

The FY 2023 expenditures reported on the following pages represent a significant increase over prior years. A large portion of this increase may be attributed to suspected fraudulent billing activities associated with the American Indian Health Program. AHCCCS and the appropriate law enforcement agencies are continuing to investigate the impact of these activities. Other factors contributing to the growth include the enrollment increases associated with the Public Health Emergency and general increases in behavioral health utilization.

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Expenditures

Table 1 provides FY 2023 behavioral health expenditures by funding source. The FY 2023 Title XIX (TXIX) and XXI (TXXI) Medicaid Federal Grant Awards reported in the Table reflect an allocation of total payments based on the behavioral health proportional component of the total pmpm capitation rate. All other reported source amounts are actuals. Expenditures are reported on a cash basis that can result in timing differences between the receipt of funds and actual cash disbursements.

Table 1:

Total Behavioral Health Services Expenditures by Funding Source FY 2023		
Funding	Amount Paid	Percentage
General Fund - Medicaid	834,178,051	15.59%
Tobacco Tax Funds – Medically Needy Account	35,565,800	0.67%
Tobacco Tax Funds – Proposition 204 Protection Account	5,000,000	0.09%
Tobacco Tax Funds – Tobacco Litigation Settlement	30,154,400	0.56%
TXIX and TXXI Medicaid Federal Grant Awards	4,132,407,303	77.25%
Non TXIX General Fund	107,033,675	2.00%
Substance Abuse Services Fund	2,250,200	0.04%
Federal Grant - MHBG	27,344,494	0.51%
Federal Grant - SABG	59,176,233	1.11%
Federal Grants (Opioid/Other)	37,708,143	0.71%
County Funds	74,991,355	1.40%
SMI Housing Trust Fund	963,953	0.02%
Substance Use Disorder Funds	2,223,752	0.04%
Other (Liquor Service Fees)	283,777	0.01%
Total	5,349,281,136	100.00%
<i>TXIX/TXXI</i>	<i>5,037,305,555</i>	<i>94.17%</i>
<i>Non-TXIX/Non-TXXI</i>	<i>311,975,582</i>	<i>5.83%</i>

Table 2 on the following page provides FY 2023 behavioral health expenditures by the “behavioral health categories” specified in A.R.S §36-3405(b). The reported expenditures in this table are a further allocation of the figures from Table 1, based on the proportional use by service during the time period. Only claims with a primary diagnosis code that is behavioral health related or pharmacy claims that were behavioral health related, as defined by AHCCCS clinical criteria, were included. A.R.S § 36-3405(b) additionally specifies the report should include expenditures for behavioral health services related to domestic violence. AHCCCS has determined that it is not possible to accurately identify these services within agency data. To the extent that members used behavioral health services related to domestic violence, the associated expenditures are reported throughout the categories included in Table 2.

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Table 2:

Total Behavioral Health Services Expenditures by Behavioral Health Category FY 2023			
Behavioral Health Category	TXIX/TXXI Funding	Non-TXIX/ Non-TXXI Funding	Total
Seriously Mentally Ill	921,562,385	125,567,288	1,047,129,673
Children with Severe Emotional Disabilities	327,647,578	21,829,084	349,476,662
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	2,107,410,387	48,215,352	2,155,625,739
Other Mental Health	1,680,685,204	116,363,858	1,797,049,062
Total	5,037,305,555	311,975,582	5,349,281,136

Members Served

Table 3 provides counts of members served in FY 2023 by behavioral health category specified in A.R.S §36-3405(b)(c). Served members had at least one claim submitted within the reporting time frame that included a primary diagnosis code that is behavioral health related or a pharmacy claim that is behavioral health related, as defined by AHCCCS clinical criteria. Users may be counted in multiple behavioral health categories. Users are also counted in TXIX/TXXI and Non-TXIX/Non-TXXI columns, if they used services under both eligibility categories during FY 2023. As a result, individual user counts reported do not sum to the totals in the table. As noted previously in the report, AHCCCS has determined that it is not possible to accurately identify behavioral health services resulting from domestic violence within agency data. To the extent that members used these behavioral health services, those members are reported throughout the behavioral health categories in Table 3.

Table 3:

Members Served in FY 2023 by Behavioral Health Category			
Behavioral Health Category	TXIX/TXXI Eligibility	Non-TXIX/ Non-TXXI Eligibility	Total
Seriously Mentally Ill	48,005	14,643	62,648
Children with Severe Emotional Disabilities	68,428	6,041	74,469
Alcohol and Drug Abuse	127,772	9,636	137,408
Other Mental Health	574,640	28,721	603,361
Total	676,876	52,939	729,815