



AHCCCS and the Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) will join forces to administratively streamline monitoring and oversight of the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (RBHAs) throughout Arizona beginning on July 1, 2016. This merger was passed by the legislature at the recommendation of the Governor.

**No services will be cut and how members access services will remain the same.**

Moving forward, contractual oversight of the RBHAs will be done by the new team at AHCCCS that will include many current DBHS staff members; eliminating an extra layer of administration. Our plan is to draw from the best available team members from both AHCCCS and DBHS to advance access to the quality services you deserve.

The Office of Individual and Family Affairs (OIFA) has already been informed that it will make the transition to AHCCCS. OIFA is a critically important part of this system and it will still be here to serve you. Thanks for all of the Peers and Family Members who have been at the heart of making this system better.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bashor at [kathy.bashor@azdhs.gov](mailto:kathy.bashor@azdhs.gov).

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