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TO: Arizona Hospital Association /Other Providers

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SUBJECT: Changes to Acute Care Behavioral Health Assignment

Effective October 1, 2010, AHCCCS will automatically assign all Acute Care enrolled members into a Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) or Tribal RBHA (TRBHA). Members will be assigned based on the zip code in which they reside; the T/RBHA will be identified on the member's AHCCCS ID card, the web and 270/271 transactions.

As a result of automatic T/RHBA enrollment, the T/RBHA will assume financial responsibility for behavioral health services upon enrollment with AHCCCS. Additionally, services in the prior period which have historically been covered by the Acute Care Contractors will now be the responsibility of the T/RBHA.

Changes for Acute Care Contractors include:

- ✓ No longer responsible for providing up to 72 hours inpatient emergency behavioral health services to members with psychiatric or substance abuse diagnoses.
- ✓ No longer responsible for covering behavioral health services during the prior period.

Acute Care Contractors will:

- ✓ Continue to be responsible for all emergency medical services including triage, physician assessment and diagnostic tests.
- ✓ Continue to be responsible for transportation to the initial T/RBHA's scheduled appointment.

Changes for T/RBHAs include:

- ✓ Now responsible for inpatient behavioral health services to Acute Care members with psychiatric or substance abuse diagnoses in the first 72 hours of enrollment.
- ✓ Now responsible for providing behavioral health services to Acute Care members during the Prior Period.

The T/RBHA will:

- ✓ Continue to be responsible for medically necessary psychiatric consultations provided to Acute Care members in emergency room settings.

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