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SUBJECT: POLICY CLARIFICATION: Available Covered Behavioral

> Health Services for Non-Title XIX/XXI Eligible Persons **Determined to have a Serious Mental Illness (SMI)**

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This memorandum is intended to clarify the responsibilities of Tribal and Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (T/RBHAs) and T/RBHA providers in meeting the Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services' (ADHS/DBHS) expectations regarding service and funding availability for Non-Title XIX/XXI eligible persons determined to have a Serious Mental Illness (SMI).

ADHS/DBHS is updating the language in the Available Covered Behavioral Health Services Matrix to include the use of funds available through Arizona legislative allocation. Effective immediately, services previously listed as "Not Available" will now be defined as "Provided based on available funding**" with a footnote stating: "**Services not available with TXIX/XXI funding, but may be provided based upon available grant funding and department approved use of general funds."

A copy of the revised matrix is attached as part of this Policy Clarification. ADHS will incorporate the changes in the next revision of the ADHS/DBHS Policy and Procedures Manual, Policy 201, Covered Health Services and the ADHS/DBHS Member Handbook template. T/RBHAs must update the T/RBHA editions of the Provider Manual and related documents and distribute this information to their subcontracted providers.

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