#### Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Medicaid Section 1115 Waiver Amendment Proposal Supporting Uncompensated Care

#### I. Overview

In the face of extraordinary economic pressures, the State of Arizona is fighting unprecedented levels of unemployment and immense strain on its healthcare system. After decades of maintaining among the most robust levels of optional Medicaid coverage in the country, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) has been forced to scale back state-sponsored coverage due to a lack of available state revenue sources to support the non-federal share of escalating Medicaid costs. While necessary, these changes will have a measurable impact on AHCCCS providers, most notably safety net, rural and Critical Access, and Disproportionate Share Hospital providers. In order to offset some of the new uncompensated care burden that will result from reductions in AHCCCS coverage and allow for investments to support a long-term sustainable model of care for Medicaid recipients, Arizona is proposing to establish new funding mechanisms under the authority of its section 1115 waiver.

Pursuant to new state legislation (SB1357) signed into law by Governor Brewer on April 25, 2011, AHCCCS is authorized to use local funds to provide care to individuals who will no longer be covered through AHCCCS under the new waiver proposed to begin October 1, 2011. Under this state authority, AHCCCS is proposing to establish two funds to support continued access to services, as well as necessary delivery system reforms to improve the quality and efficiency of care for AHCCCS and other low income patients.

#### II. Safety Net Care Pool

AHCCCS proposes to establish a Safety Net Care Pool ("SNCP") to fund the unreimbursed costs incurred by eligible providers in caring for the uninsured and AHCCCS populations. Such SNCP funds have been established in multiple states including Massachusetts, California, and Florida, under authority of their respective Medicaid Section 1115 waivers.

#### A. Authorized SNCP Entities

#### 1. Eligible SNCP Providers

AHCCCS is proposing to establish eligibility criteria for providers to ensure uncompensated care funding is directed to those providers that serve the greatest proportion of Medicaid and uninsured patients. Eligible entities will be those that meet any of the following criteria. AHCCCS is proposing to establish an annual list of potential eligibile entities, and maintain it as an attachment to the special terms and conditions (STCs).

#### a. Safety Net Hospital Systems

Safety Net Hospital Systems are defined as defined as the health system in each of the state's two largest metropolitan statistical areas that (a) are providing the highest percentage of care (measured in terms of discharges) within their MSA for adult AHCCCS and low-income uninsured patients and (b) sponsor multiple adult residency programs.

b. Rural or Critical Access Hospitals

**Rural Hospitals** are defined as: (1) Arizona hospitals that are not in Pima or Maricopa Counties; or (2) Arizona hospitals that are in counties of 500,000 or fewer persons. Both definitions reach the same universe of hospitals at this time.

**Critical access hospitals** (CAHs) are rural community hospitals that meet defined criteria outlined in the Conditions of Participation at 42 C.F.R. 485, Subpart F and 42 C.F.R. 440.170(g).

c. DSH Hospitals

**Disproportionate Share Hospitals** (DSH) are hospitals that qualify for a DSH payment under the Special Terms and Conditions in the Arizona 1115 Waiver. The criteria for qualification can change from year to year. Indian Health Services and 638 hospitals can also qualify for DSH funding.

#### 2. SNCP Eligible Costs and Reimbursement Protocol

AHCCCS proposes that SNCP funds are eligible to reimburse costs of care and services that meet the definition of "medical assistance" as defined in section 1905(a) of the Act that are incurred by hospitals, clinics, and other providers as agreed upon between CMS and the State and designated by Eligible Entities.

To ensure that payments are compliant with all applicable limits, AHCCCS will work with CMS to establish a reporting and reimbursement protocol that will specify the methodology for capturing costs eligible for reimbursement from the SNCP. Preliminary proposals for identified provider types are provided below. AHCCCS is prepared to work quickly with CMS to refine these approaches, and develop appropriate waiver documentation and attachments to finalize these protocol.

#### a. Hospital Uncompensated Care

Hospital uncompensated costs for each eligible provider will be calculated using the hospital's OBRA limit.

SNCP payments would be made subsequent to Medicaid disproportionate share hospital ("DSH") payments. Medicaid DSH payments will continue to be made in correspondence with currently approved DSH payment methodologies, current legislative authority, and approved sources of non-federal share. Any remaining uncompensated costs not covered by these DSH payments, up to each eligible hospital's hospital-specific OBRA limit, will be eligible for reimbursement from the SNCP.

AHCCCS would make interim SNCP payments to eligible providers based upon projected uncompensated care costs pursuant with the description above. Payments would be made on a quarterly basis. Given the significant increases in uncompensated care expected as a result of the eligibility and rate changes implemented through this waiver amendment, and as a result of budget requirements in Arizona, AHCCCS is proposing to use a blended cost report and prior claims history methodology to estimate uncompensated care in the first year for the purpose of making preliminary SNCP payments. In future years when the cost baseline has been established, AHCCCS may transition to a cost report-only based methodology. Given the expected volatility in uncompensated care in the first year, AHCCCS will conduct mid-year review of uncompensated costs, and may adjust payments accordingly.

At the close of the fiscal, AHCCCS would reconcile SNCP and other payments against each hospital's OBRA limit. Any amounts found to be paid over the OBRA limits would be recouped from SNCP (rather than DSH) payments to the hospital, and any remaining unreimbursed costs would be reimbursed to the hospital through a year-end SNCP reconciliation payment.

#### b. Professional Uncompensated Care

The SNCP would also provide reimbursement for unreimbursed or under-reimbursed physician and other non-physician professional services. Payment would be based upon an established cost reporting methodology, and would incorporate expenditure information currently captured on the CMS-2552 cost report, or through an alternative cost reporting vehicle to be developed and agreed upon between CMS and AHCCCS. SNCP funding will be available for eligible physician and non-physician professional services provided to uninsured patients as well as unreimbursed costs associated with provision of care to eligible and enrolled Medicaid members as designated by Eligible Entities.

Similar to SNCP hospital payments, AHCCCS would make interim payments from the SNCP to eligible professional providers on a quarterly basis. Interim payments will be based upon a projection of uncompensated costs consistent with the methodology and data sources described in the preceding paragraph. The annual budget amount would be reviewed mid-year and may be adjusted as appropriate. At the close of the fiscal year, payments would be reconciled against the as-filed CMS-2552 cost report or alternative cost reporting vehicle to ensure that payments were compliant with the reporting and reimbursement protocol.

#### c. Pharmacy Uncompensated Care

Uncompensated inpatient hospital pharmacy costs would be part of the SNCP hospital reimbursement protocol described above. However, SNCP funds would be available to support uncompensated costs for outpatient pharmacies operated by eligible hospitals or clinics. Payments from the SNCP would be available to support outpatient pharmacy costs for uninsured patients. No payments would be made for prescription drugs provided to AHCCCS patients. AHCCCS will work with CMS to develop an appropriate cost reporting protocol for eligible pharmacies, and will employ an interim payment (quarterly) and final reconciliation (year-end) process similar that described for hospital and professional providers.

#### d. Home Health Uncompensated Care Costs

SNCP funds would be available to support uncompensated costs for home health services provided by eligible providers as identified by the Eligible Entity. AHCCCS would make payments for the uncompensated costs of home health services by applying a cost-to-charge ratio to the charges for AHCCCS and uninsured patients, derived from the home health cost report. Patient payments and AHCCCS reimbursement would be subtracted from the total. AHCCCS would employ an interim payment (quarterly) and final reconciliation (year-end) process similar that described for hospital and professional providers.

#### e. Emergency and Non-Emergency Transportation

Payments from the SNCP would be available to support emergency and non-emergency transportation costs incurred in providing services to uninsured patients. Eligible providers will

be defined by an Eligible Entity. AHCCCS will work with CMS to develop an appropriate cost reporting protocol for eligible providers, and will employ an interim payment (quarterly) and final reconciliation (year-end) process similar that described for hospital and professional providers.

#### f. Non-Hospital Clinics

Payments from the SNCP would also be available to support non-hospital community clinic costs incurred in providing services to uninsured patients. Clinic costs may include FQHCs, FQHC look alikes and rural health clinics. Eligible providers will be defined by an Eligible Entity, and will have an agreement in place with said Entity regarding responsibilities relating to providing care to the uninsured. AHCCCS will work with CMS to develop an appropriate cost reporting protocol for eligible providers, and will employ an interim payment (quarterly) and final reconciliation (year-end) process similar that described for hospital and professional providers.

#### g. Adjustments for Non-Qualified Aliens

AHCCCS will work with CMS to ensure that SNCP funds are not used to reimburse costs associated with provision of non-emergency medical services to non-qualified aliens. Given approvals in other states, AHCCCS generally proposes a gross adjustment to eligible and reported SNCP costs to account for the share of services provided to non-qualified aliens.

#### 3. Permissible Sources of Non-Federal Share

SNCP payments may be funded with any permissible source of non-federal share as defined in federal regulation. Generally, payments from the SNCP are envisioned to be funded using intergovernmental transfers (IGTs), though could potentially be funded through certified public expenditure (CPE), or other sources as legislatively authorized or permitted under federal law and regulation. Where an IGT will be used as the source of non-federal share, AHCCCS and the transferring party will have an IGT agreement in place specifying the terms of the transfer and payment.

At no time should any authority within the SNCP terms of the waiver be interpreted as an obligation on the state legislature or AHCCCS to fund payments using state general revenue.

#### 4. Payments

Payments may be made by the State to an eligible entity for all providers identified or the State may pay directly to all providers identified by the Eligible Entity.

#### 5. SNCP Annual Funding Limits

- a. DYxx: Up to \$300 million
- b. DYxy: Up to \$320 million
- c. DYxz: Up to \$341 million

#### III. Arizona Health System Improvement Pool (AHSIIP)

Any long term plan for reining in AHCCCS costs and enhancing the value of care purchased by AHCCCS will require significant reforms of the health care delivery system. Some providers are already implementing reforms based on changes in Medicare and commercial payer policies. For safety net providers who rely disproportionately on AHCCCS funds to support care to low income populations, however, funding can be more scarce to allow for capital investments necessary to implement delivery system reforms.

To support delivery system transformation to improve provider efficiency and enhance quality of care for AHCCCS patients, AHCCCS is proposing to create an Arizona Health System Improvement Pool under the authority of its section 1115 waiver to fund delivery system improvement and transformation. Authority for this funding reflects similar need to that addressed through California's Delivery System Reform Incentive Pool within its 1115 waiver, but is targeted to needs specific AHCCCS, its members, and providers.

#### 1. AHSIP Authorized Expenditures

Safety net health systems and other hospitals that are eligible for the SNCP would also be eligible for payment from the Arizona Health System Improvement Pool (AHSIP). Payments from the pool would be available for activities conducted by hospitals that are consistent with CMS's Triple Aim for better care, better health, and reduced per capita costs. Payments from the pool will be available to fund projects within the following categories, and will only be made based upon an approved plan, submitted by an Eligible Entity, and approved by AHCCCS.

- a. Infrastructure Development: This category would include investments in infrastructure that will enhance the providers' ability to serve its community and continuously improve services, such as investments in expanded primary care, enhanced primary care workforce training, expanded specialty care, establishing disease management registries, enhancing interpretation services and culturally sensitive care, collecting accurate race, ethnicity and language data to reduce disparities, nurse advice lines, collecting quality data, telemedicine, etc.
- b. Innovation & Redesign: These investments would be targeted on restructuring the way care is delivered, and would include activities such as establishing patient-centered medical homes, chronic disease management systems, primary care redesign cost-saving redesigns, integrating physical and behavioral health care, increasing specialty care access/referral process, patient care navigation programs, improved emergency department patient flow, palliative care, medication management, care transitions, and reducing hospital acquired infections.
- c. *Population-Focused Improvement:* Under this category, eligible health systems would focus on measuring and improving care to particular high cost patient populations, such as diabetes care management, improving chronic care management or outcomes, reducing readmissions, etc.

d. Urgent Improvements in Care: Hospitals would agree to undertake two or three specified interventions for which there is substantial evidence that major improvement in care is possible within a measurable and relatively short time frame. In California, these include severe sepsis detection and management, central line-associated bloodstream infection prevention, surgical site infection prevention, hospital acquired pressure ulcer prevention, stroke management, venous thromboembolism prevention and treatment and falls with injury prevention.

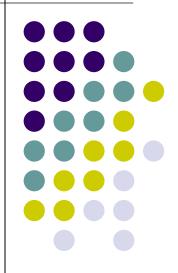
Payments from the AHSIP are incentive payments, and would not be considered payments for patient services. As such, AHSIP payments would not be counted in any calculation of various Medicaid payment limits, including DSH limits and upper payment limits (UPL).

The State match required for these payments must be derived from local sources

#### 2. ASHIP Annual Funding Limits

- a. DYxx: Up to \$75 million
- b. DYxy: Up to \$90 million
- c. DYxz: Up to \$110 million

# **AHCCCS Update**



## AHCCCS Budget changes through FY 2011

- AHCCCS Program is \$1.2 billion less in FY 2011 as a result of policy changes (total fund)
  - \$713 million in provider rate reductions
  - \$241 m in institutional rate freezes
  - \$121 m in eligibility reductions (KidsCare & KC parents)
  - \$39 m in benefit changes (select transplants etc.)
  - \$29.5 m in admin reductions
  - \$28 m in increased member cost sharing

### FY 2012 Budget



- Legislature Authorized MOE Waiver (January)
- Secretary provided flexibility (February)
- NOW WHAT?
- Legislature enacted \$1.0 billion in GF reductions
- Medicaid FY 12 Budget reduced \$520 million GF \$1.5 B Total Funds (March)
- Medicaid accounted for half of overall reductions
- Flexibility provided to the agency to implement Governor's Medicaid Reform Plan "Notwithstanding any other law..."

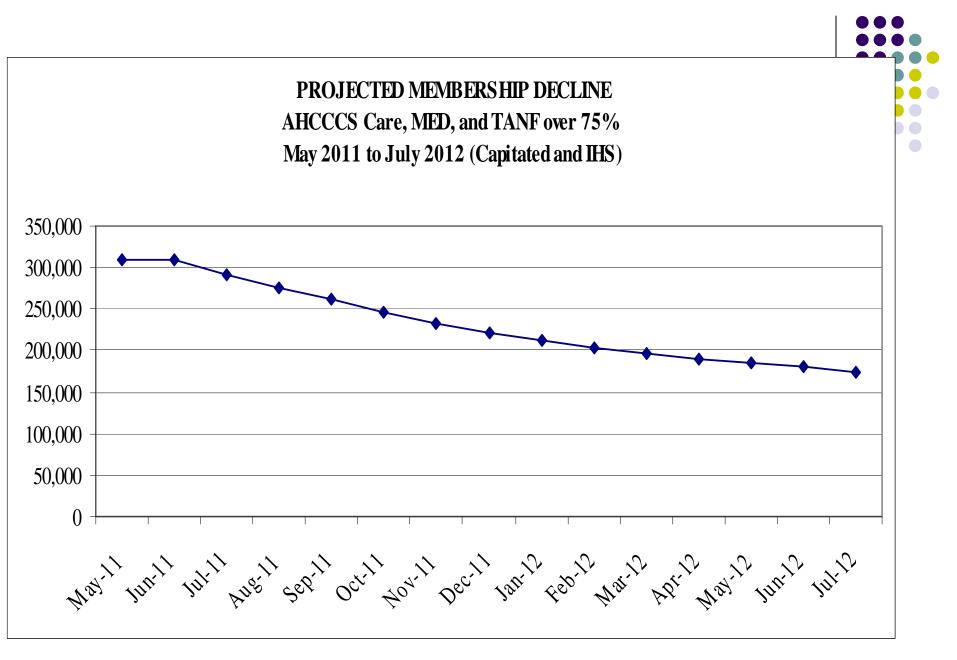
### FY 2012 Budget Proposal (FY 2012 GF Projected Savings)

- 5-1-11 Spend Down Freeze-10-1-11 Termination Implemented - \$70m (6,000 members)
- 7-1-11 Childless Adult (CA) Freeze *Implemented* -\$190m (222,000 members)
- 10-1-11 5% Provider Rate Reductions-\$95m *In Process*
- 10-1-11 Benefit Limits IP & Respite \$25m In Process
- 10-1-11 American Indian exemption for services at I.H.S and 638 facilities – Cost Avoidance
- 1115 waiver to resolve Special Disability Workload cases liability - \$40 m

### **Budget Plan Continued**

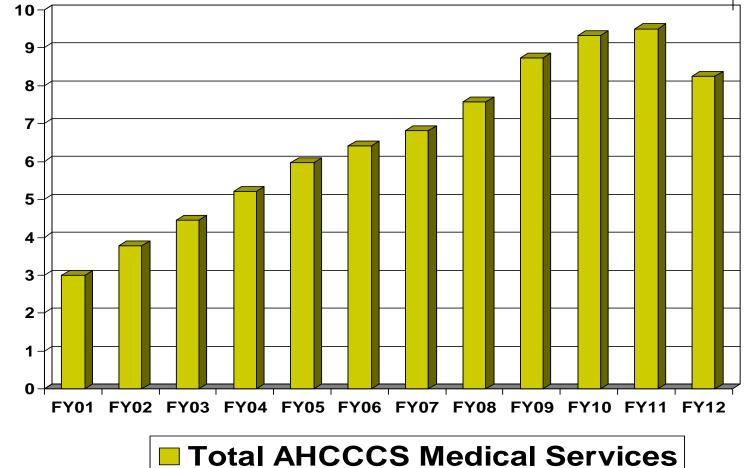


- 10-1-11 Parents >75% FPL Freeze \$17m
- 10-1-11 Terminate FES coverage \$20m
- 10-1-11 Six Month Rede (CA) \$15m
- 10-1-11 Mandatory Copays (TMA Methodology)
  - Parents- \$2.7m
  - Children TBD
  - American Indians exempt from Cost Sharing





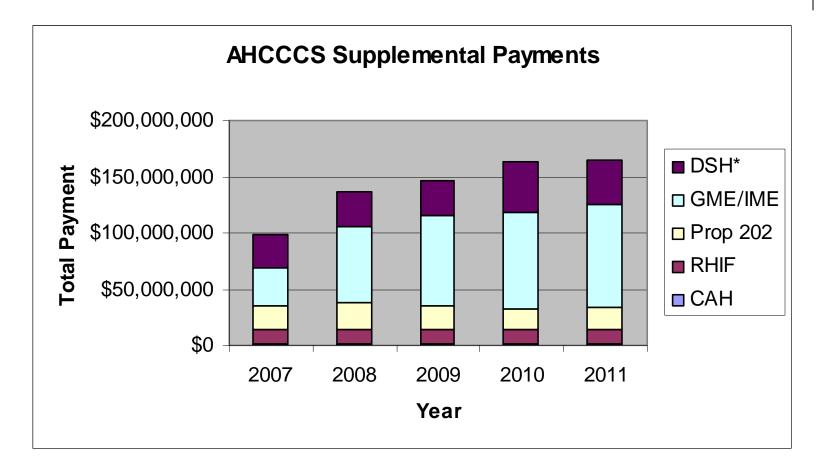
### **AHCCCS Spending**



Billions



### **Supplemental Hospital Payments**





### **AHCCCS Staffing Levels**



### **Short Term Survival**



Arizona working to Preserve the Core

- Coverage for over 1.0 million Arizonans
- Viable health plans to maintain managed care model – it works
- Providers in the system/Network
- Delivery of Quality Health Care
- Administrative capability

# Long Term Initiatives

- Health Care Reform –
- System Modernization Alignment
- Payment Reform
- Program Integrity
- HIT



### **Health Care Reform**



- January 1, 2014 Current Law requires AHCCCS to expand to 133% FPL – 250,000 lives
- January 1, 2014 Exchange hundreds of thousands Arizonans anticipated to enroll in subsidized products
- Politics
  - Arizona Part of Lawsuit
  - Legislation introduced for Exchange and failed
  - Closer to 2012 makes action more difficult
  - Executive is concerned about Federal Exchange and losing local control
  - State has proceeded with Planning Grant

## Population/Coordination Challenges



- 1.35 million members
- 70,000 fall off and get added each month
- Of those being added 65% are coming on with a gap of 12 months or less
- What is the best way to manage the population that will move between Exchange and Medicaid coverage?
- What types of data can be shared between Medicaid and Exchange plans?

### **Expansion & Exchange** Challenges



- How does Arizona cover the new Expansion costs for 250,000 Medicaid members?
- 10-1-13 scheduled for Acute care plans new Contract
- Perfect Timing leverage mandatory managed care with ACA/Exchange/Expansion?
- Deal with evolving Health Care market insurers & providers
- AZ currently covers up to 100% overall new growth not as significant as some states
- ACA will further impact provider access issues

### AHCCCS Alignment & Integration Efforts



Services	SMI Dual
Acute	AHCCCS Acute Contractor
Pharmacy	Part D or MA Plan or RBHA
Behavioral Health	Medicare FFS, MA, MA SNP, RBHA
Medicare Services	Medicare FFS, MA, MA/SNP
ALTCS - DD LTC Services	DES/DD
ALTCS - DD Acute Services	DES-DD Acute Contractor
Total Different Entities	4 5

## AHCCCS Alignment & Integration Efforts (Cont.)



SMI Specialty Plan

- Establish plan/s responsible for traditional RBHA services plus Medicaid acute care plus Medicare for SMI
- Targeting 10-1-13 for Maricopa County
- Significant Information on DHS Website CRS
- 25,000 children and families have to navigate complex fragmented system
- Looking to contract with specialty plan for all acute services plus behavioral health
- Targeting 10-1-13 Statewide

**Dual Eligible Members** 

• Pursuing unique moment in time at the federal level to align

### Conclusion



- Survive the Short Term
- Position the Program for improved success in the Long Term
- Constraints
  - Time
  - Talent
  - Money
  - Important Decisions (Are we running the Exchange?)
  - Manage Culture Shock Cut Cut Cut Grow

AHCCCS Benefit Changes & Reimbursement Issues

Benefit ChangesReimbursement Issues

### Benefit Changes Impacting Hospitals

### **Inpatient Day Limit**

- Part of the Governor's Medicaid Reform Plan
- Adults only (21 +)
- 25 day limit per benefit year (10/1 9/30)
- Days counted based on adjudication date of paid claim
- Days counted against year of DOS
- Includes each 24 hours of paid observation services (no admit)

### Inpatient Day Limit, continued

#### Exclusions:

- Psych stays
- Burn diagnoses at MMC
- Transplants stays at facilities with specialty contracts with AHCCCS, when paid as part of component pricing
- Same day admit/discharge services
- Stays at IHS/638 facilities
- Proposed Rule filed and posted 6/23/11
- Final Rule posted 8/4/11
- Fiscal impact estimates to AzHHA 8/5/11
  Estimated impact = \$85 million

### **Emergency Department**

- Proposed Rule filed and posted 7/21/11
- Notice of Public Information filed 8/4/11 withdrawing ED portion of Rule
- No changes

### Hospital Reimbursement Issues

#### **Provider Rate Decrease**

- Part of Governor's Medicaid Reform Plan, pursuant to Laws 2011, Chapter 31
- All providers with very limited exceptions
- 5% rate reduction effective 10/1/11
  - Inpatient tiered per diem rates
  - Outlier cost-to-charge ratios
  - Outpatient fee schedule
  - Estimated impact = \$85 million
    29% of total provider impact (est \$295 million)

### **Outlier Changes**

- Laws 2011, Chapter 31 eliminated language authorizing outlier payments and provided AHCCCS authority to establish reimbursement methodologies "notwithstanding any other law"
- AHCCCS chose to maintain an outlier payment methodology for one year – with modifications – effective 10/1/11
  - Increase cost thresholds by 5 percent
  - Reduce CCRs by a percentage equal to a hospital's increase to its charge master based on any/all increases since 4/1/11
- Proposed Rule filed and posted 5/26/11
- Final Rule posted 6/30/11
- FY 2009 estimated outlier payments to AzHHA 8/10/11

### Outlier Changes, continued

- Effective 10/1/12 AHCCCS will no longer pay claims using a separate outlier methodology
- AHCCCS will increase base tiered per diem rates to include extraordinary claims payments
- AHCCCS' proposed methodology will be shared with a hospital workgroup for stakeholder input in the spring/summer 2012

# Outpatient Fee Schedule Rebase

- A.A.C. R9-22-712.40 mandates rebase every five years
- Effective 10/1/11
- Goals
  - Reimbursement strategy emphasizing higher cost coverage on outpatient services
  - Based on Medicare's Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) (with an Arizona conversion factor)
  - Address issues documented by stakeholders Equity
  - Manage observation payments for consistency
  - Bundle codes per episode of care rather than by calendar date
  - Revise Peer Group Modifiers to fit this new fee schedule
  - Update the statewide outpatient CCR

### **OPFS** Rebase, continued

#### Methodology

- Trended payments to 2012 including 4/1/11 rate reductions and flat rates thereafter for total target of \$480 million
- Trended hospital costs to 2012, applying inflation, to determine 2012 cost coverage of 98%
- Policy Decisions
  - Pay no more for clinic services (51X revenue codes) than would be paid in physician's office
  - Use annual CMS urban and rural CCRs for services with no rate
  - Where drug or DME rates unavailable, pay AHCCCS PFS rate
  - Observation often bundles with other services when observation is only service, all else bundles in that and is paid at \$30 per hour
  - When bundling is appropriate, all non-radiology/imaging and non-lab services bundle by visit

### **OPFS** Rebase, continued

#### Outcomes

- Cost coverage no less than 91% and no more than 105% aggregate by peer group
- Hospitals with large pediatric units (greater than 100 peds beds) receive PGM boost
- Proposed Rule filed and posted 2/11
- Final Rule filed 6/15/11
- Final Rule approved and posted week of 7/11/11
- Estimated impact = budget neutral in aggregate

### **Member Billing**

- Due to implementation of benefit limits, AHCCCS updated Rules on member billing
- Major changes:
  - Clarified that a member's signature in advance, accepting financial responsibility for:
    - excluded services or services subject to a limit
    - out-of-network provider
    - AHCCCS-denied service

is authorization for member billing, when member understands the above

- Eliminated requirement for description and approximate cost of services expected to be provided
- Codified that provider cannot bill a member when the provider is at fault for a claim denial
- Proposed Rule filed and posted 6/23/11
- Final Rule posted 8/4/11

# Healthcare Acquired Conditions (HACs)

- Medicaid prohibited from payment of services related to healthcare acquired conditions pursuant to Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- Delayed effective date of 7/1/12
- AHCCCS will adopt the Medicare HACs, including any and all changes/updates
- AHCCCS will promulgate Rule early-2012

# Healthcare Acquired Conditions (HACs), continued

- Categories of Health Care Acquired Conditions include:
  - Foreign object retained after surgery
  - Air embolism
  - Blood incompatibility
  - Pressure ulcer
  - Falls and trauma
  - Catheter associated urinary tract infection (UTI)
  - Vascular catheter-associated infection
  - Infection after coronary artery bypass surgery (CABG)
  - Manifestations of poor glycemic control

- Deep venous thrombosis or pulminary embolism (DVT/PE) after knee or hip replacement
- Infection after bariatric surgery
- Infection after certain orthopedic procedures of spine, shoulder, and elbow
- And/or the following preventable surgery errors
  - Wrong surgery or invasive procedure on patient;
  - Correct surgery or invasive procedure on the wrong body part; or
  - Correct surgery or invasive procedure on the wrong patient.

## AHCCCS Supplemental Payments

- Graduate Medical Education
- Disproportionate Share Hospital
- EHR Incentive Payments

### Graduate Medical Education Direct and Indirect (in millions)

	State Funded w/Fed Match	Locally Funded w/ Fed Match	TOTAL
2008	\$ 39.4	\$ 28.8	\$ 68.2
2009	\$ 38.5	\$ 42.4	\$ 80.9
2010	\$ -	\$ 85.7	\$ 85.7
2011*	\$ -	\$ 90.9	\$ 90.9

\*Additional \$63 million allocated and as yet unpaid, waiting for IGAs. **Deadline for 2011 IGA is <u>October 1, 2011</u>.** 

## GME/IME for 2012

- No State matching funds available.
- AHCCCS will begin State Plan Amendment in October 2011.
- Payments will be made in the summer of 2012.

### Disproportionate Share Hospital – Private Hospitals (in millions)

	State Funded w/Fed Match	Locally Funded w/ Fed Match	Total Allocation
2008	\$ 26.1	\$ -	\$ 26.1
2009	\$ 26.1	\$ -	\$ 26.1
2010*	\$ 0.5	\$ 10.1	\$ 40.7
2011*	\$ 9.3	\$ -	\$ 35.6

\*Additional \$15.2 million allocated from first distribution of Pool 5 funds, waiting on IGAs.

## Additional Pool 5 Distributions

- DSH 2010 Another \$15 million for second allocation of Pool 5. IGAs must be received by October 1, 2011. Payments made in October.
- <u>DSH 2011</u> \$15 million for allocation of Pool 5 funds. Letter of intent due October 1, 2011, IGA due December 1, 2011.
  Payments made in December.

## 2012 DSH

- State funding held steady at \$9.3 million TF.
- Longer PFIS form for application, calculates CCRs by cost center.
- Hospitals to have charity and uninsured amounts verified by hospital external auditors or AHCCCS auditor.
- Forms will be sent out in November and will be due to AHCCS mid-January.

## **EHR Incentive Program**

- Web Pages and Resources
- Toolkits for Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals
  - Process Diagram
  - Manual
  - o Worksheets
- Outreach/Education with REC
  - Presentations
  - Webinars, faxes, blasts, etc
- Ongoing support for Providers

# Phased Approach for Registration and Attestation

#### Phase 1 – Registration

- AHCCCS electronic Provider Incentive Payment (ePIP) web site <u>https://www.azepip.gov/</u>
- Arizona Medicaid EHR incentive payments opened for registration on Monday, July 25, 2011. Closed temporarily but is back up.

Phased Approach for Registration and Attestation

Phase 2 - Attestation

The ePIP web site will open for EHR Adopt/Implement/Upgrade (AIU) Attestation activities on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 1, 2011</u>.

## AHCCCS EHR Payment Goals

- Forty of ninety eligible hospitals will register and attest to A/I/U in September 2011. Medicaid Payment Estimate: \$35 million for this first month.
- Medicaid Payment Estimate: \$200 million over next six years.

### AHCCCS EHR Incentive Program

#### **Resources**

AHCCCS Web Page

http://www.azahcccs.gov/HIT/about/Incentives.aspx

CMS Web Page

http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/

REC Web Page

http://www.azhec.org/regionalextensioncenter.jsp

AHCCCS E-mail

ehrincentivepayments@azahcccs.gov

## Supporting Uncompensated Care

 Safety Net Care Pool
 Arizona Health System Improvement Pool

## Overview

- SB 1357
- Use local funds to:
  - Support continued access to services
  - Support necessary delivery system reforms to improve quality and efficiency of care to AHCCCS members

## SNCP & AHSIP – Eligible Providers

- Safety Net Hospital Systems
- Rural or Critical Access Hospitals
- DSH Hospitals

## **SNCP – Eligible Costs**

- Hospital Uncompensated Care
- Professional Uncompensated Care
- Pharmacy Uncompensated Care
- Home Health Uncompensated Care
- Emergency and Non-Emergency Transportation
- Non-Hospital Clinics

## AHSIP - Authorized Expenditures

- Infrastructure Development
- Innovation and Redesign
- Population-Focused Improvement
- Urgent Improvements in Care

## Estimated Funding Limits\*

	<u>SNCP</u>	<u>AHSIP</u>
Year 1	\$300 million	\$75 million
Year 2	\$320 million	\$90 million
Year 3	\$341 million	\$110 million

\*Funding available **up to** these amounts.