

Notice of Changes in Your Co-pays for AHCCCS Services

You will have higher co-payments (co-pays) for AHCCCS medical services beginning October 1, 2010 because you are getting AHCCCS services in the AHCCCS Care or Medical Expense Deduction (MED) programs.

You get services through AHCCCS Care because you are an adult who is 1) not pregnant, 2) not 65 or over or 3) not determined disabled, and you do not have an eligible deprived child living with you. For information on who is considered a deprived child, see Arizona Administrative Code R9-22-1427. If you meet one of the above, contact your local DES office to ask them to review your eligibility.

OR

You get services through MED because:

- Your income is too high for any other AHCCCS program, and
- You have medical costs that, when subtracted from your income, make you eligible for AHCCCS.

You will have to pay higher co-pays for some medical services and will need to make the co-pays in order to get the services.

Beginning October 1, 2010, you have the following co-pays:

Prescriptions – Generic	\$4.00
Prescriptions - Brand name	\$10.00
Non-emergency use of an emergency room	\$30.00
Doctor visits	\$5.00

Your pharmacist or medical service provider can deny you services if you do not make the co-payments.

These co-pays do not apply to:

- Children under age 19
- People determined to be Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) by the Arizona Department of Health Services
- Children eligible to receive services from the Children's Rehabilitative Services program
- People who are in nursing homes, residential facilities such as an Assisted Living Home or who receive Home and Community Based Services such as attendant care or a visiting nurse.
- People who receive hospice care

Services that will not require a co-pay include:

- Hospitalizations and services received while in a hospital
- Emergency use of an emergency room
- Family Planning services and supplies
- Pregnancy related health care including tobacco cessation treatment for pregnant women

Legal Basis:

The legal basis for this decision is AHCCCS Rule A.A.C. R9-22-711(F). Because the higher copays are due to a law affecting all members in the AHCCCS Care and MED programs, a hearing is not required under federal law.

Please contact us if you have questions about this letter.