

UPDATE:

AHCCCS Electronic Visit Verification Survey Extension 5/28/19

May 20, 2019

To: Medical Providers, Staff and Behavioral Health Providers

AHCCCS has extended the deadline date for the EVV Provider Survey through 05/28/19.

Furthermore, AHCCCS has created a FAQ document for questions pertaining to the provider survey and the Differential Adjusted Payment (DAP). The document can be found on the AHCCCS EVV Website (www.azahcccs.gov/evv) under the “Provider Survey” tab along with the recorded webinar of the technical assistance session held on May 9, 2019.

Note: As a result of your questions during the webinar, AHCCCS has revised the habilitation service codes, outlined in the tables on the EVV Provider Survey, to include HCPCS Services Codes T2016 and T2017 and DDD Focus Codes HAH, HAI and HID.

Beginning in 2020, AHCCCS will require Medicaid providers of personal care and home health services to use Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) pursuant to Section 1903 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396b). EVV is an electronic based system that verifies when caregiver visits occur and documents the precise time services begin and end. It ensures that members receive their medically necessary services. AHCCCS has selected Sandata Technologies LLC to deliver the statewide EVV system that will be made available to all service providers required to use EVV. Service providers may choose to use an alternate EVV system vendor (at their own cost) and must interface with the statewide system as a data aggregator. More information on AHCCCS’ plans for EVV is outlined on the www.azahcccs.gov/evv.

AHCCCS is requesting service providers, subject to EVV, complete the survey to inform readiness activities to support successful implementation of the EVV system. Providers that complete the survey in its entirety and submit it by 05/28/19 will be eligible for a Differential Adjusted Payment (DAP) of 1.0% for all services subject to EVV for dates of service 10/01/2019 – 09/30/2020. This means service providers will receive a 1% increase to their current rate for services during the period of 10/01/2019 – 09/30/2020.

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The survey may be found <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LXTL2JX> and a hard copy version of the survey may be found at the following link:

https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/EVV/SurveyMonkey_171872956.pdf

The DAP is intended to incentivize providers to help AHCCCS and Sandata Technologies LLC prepare for the implementation of EVV. The DAP is separate and apart from the State's plans to fund the EVV system. More information on the State's plans to fund the EVV system may be found on the www.azahcccs.gov/evv.

For assistance in completing the survey, please email EVV@azahcccs.gov prior to the **05/28/19** deadline submission date.

AHCCCS EVV Updates

AHCCCS has selected Sandata Technologies, LLC as the statewide EVV vendor. However, the contract award is contingent upon approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Arizona Department of Administration, Arizona Strategic Enterprise Technology (ADOA-ASET). Barring approval from CMS and ADOA-ASET, AHCCCS will be in a position to execute the contract with Sandata Technologies, LLC on or before June 1, 2019 and the date is subject to change.

That said, AHCCCS is not yet in a position to officially engage the provider community about requirements to comply with the EVV requirements. Please make sure to sign up for the Constant Contact email notification to receive updates on recent EVV developments and next steps for the provider community. To sign up for the email notifications please go to <https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Initiatives/EVV/> > Stay Informed > Click on "Sign Up HCBS".

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