



November 20, 2020

## AHCCCS RATE UPDATE OCTOBER 1, 2020

### Base Rate Increases

Laws 2020, Ch. 46, Sec. 2 requires AHCCCS to increase base reimbursement rates for services reimbursed under the administration's dental fee schedule and physician fee schedule, not including the physician drug fee schedule, to the extent necessary as determined by the administration to restore these providers' rates to the rate levels in existence before State Fiscal Year 2009.

As a result, effective for dates of service October 1, 2020, Care1st is required to adjust base provider reimbursement rates by an amount equal to the percentage adjustment to the AHCCCS MCO Capped Fee Schedule rates for the procedure codes and fee schedules specified below. Required adjustments are nearly complete and being applied to all impacted contracted rates in place three months' prior (7/1/2020) to the October 1, 2020 effective date of the rate adjustment.

The following rates are impacted by this requirement:

- Behavioral Health Outpatient rates for H0018, H0025, H0038 and S5109
- All Dental Fee Schedule rates
- Multi-Specialty Interdisciplinary Clinic (MSIC) rates for T1015
- Physician Fee Schedule Rates
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Fee Schedule rates

The corresponding final public notice is posted on the AHCCCS website:

[https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PublicNotices/rates/Final\\_NOPI\\_Rate\\_Changes\\_202010\\_01.pdf](https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PublicNotices/rates/Final_NOPI_Rate_Changes_202010_01.pdf)

### Differential Adjusted Payments

AHCCCS published final decisions for Differential Adjusted Payments (DAP) strategies for Contract Year 2021, October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. The purpose of the DAP is to distinguish providers which have committed to supporting designated actions that improve patients' care experience, improve members' health, and reduce cost of care growth. All AHCCCS Contractors are required to pass-through DAP increases to their contracted rates for qualifying providers, as specified in the DAP CYE 2021 Final Notice posted on the AHCCCS website:

[https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PublicNotices/rates/DAP\\_Final\\_Notice\\_Revised\\_CYE2021.pdf](https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PublicNotices/rates/DAP_Final_Notice_Revised_CYE2021.pdf)

If you have any questions related to the information outlined above or claims for dates of service October 1, 2020 and after, please contact Care1st Network Management using the information below.

***Thank You!***

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