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Targeted Investment Program

### **TI 2.0 YEAR 1 PAYMENT**

The TI 2.0 Program is on track to disburse Year 1 payment in late Spring, 2025. AHCCCS is currently validating Year 1 applications for all participating clinics. This validation process is critical for ensuring accurate payment calculations, maintaining program integrity, meeting CMS reporting requirements, fulfilling future AHCCCS provider enrollment requirements, and minimizing the potential for incentive recoupment.

For more details, please refer to the payment schedule on the TI 2.0 Program web page.

### FEDERAL ADMINISTRATION & IMPACT ON THE TI 2.0 PROGRAM

Medicaid funding has become a prominent issue nationwide, as the federal administration is proposing significant spending reductions. Since TI 2.0 is a voluntary state-administered program, the program funding, payments, requirements, and initiatives are expected to continue with no changes on the horizon. Read more about the AHCCCS Response to the federal guidance on the agency's press release web page.

#### YEAR 3 MILESTONE & DOCUMENT VALIDATION UPDATES

The AHCCCS TI 2.0 team will finalize revisions to the Year 3 Milestones and Document Validation Criteria by mid-March. Changes that are being drafted include clarification and date extensions to allow participants ample time to complete Year 3 deliverables. All Year 3 documentation must be created by 9/30/2025; no documents need to be provided to AHCCCS before the Year 3 portal is available in early 2026.

Information Sessions will be held to address questions and outline the next steps for Year

3 deliverables. For registration details, please visit the <u>TI 2.0 Program Meetings web</u> page.

Upcoming clarifications will include:

- CLAS (Milestone 2) Documentation requirements for CLAS standards 2-13
- Closed Loop Referral System (Milestone 3) Claims-based documentation (i.e. G codes)
- CommunityCares (Milestone 4) HRSN reporting parameters and closed-loopreferrals
- Address Health Disparities (Milestone 5) Documentation and implementation requirements for a health equity action plan
- PMH Certification (Adult BH Milestone 6) New opportunity to increase PMH-C
  providers and earn Year 3 credit
- Dental Varnish (Peds PCP Milestone 6) Parameters for closed-loop dental referrals
- Postpartum Depression Screening | Screening New Caregivers at EPSDT Visit and Referrals (Peds PCP Milestone 7) - Parameters for closed-loop Postpartum MH referrals

## G CODES (MILESTONE 3)

TI 2.0 Milestone 3 requires participants to include one of three non-pay HCPCS codes (G9919-G9921) to track HRSN screening and referral status through claims. The American Medical Association initially termed all three codes effective 12/31/2024, but a revision clarified only G9921 is termed effective 12/31/2024.

Many EHRs and clearinghouses removed the code from their systems, thus rejecting any claims with the termed code. The TI 2.0 team is working with AHCCCS medical coding, providers, ACOs, and MCOs to update guidance as soon as possible. As AHCCCS does not have direct relationships with EHR vendors or clearinghouses, participants are encouraged to confirm their systems are compliant with AMA's updated guidance-G9919 and G9920 should be active. AHCCCS anticipates the updated guidance will require G9919 and G9920 to be submitted through claims by 4/1/2025.

To avoid untimely reimbursement of claims in the interim, TI 2.0 participants are not required to submit the G codes at this time. Participants may resubmit rejected claims without the G code.

Please email the <u>**TI Inbox**</u> with any related questions or concerns, including, but not limited to, EHR and Clearinghouse noncompliance with AMA's guidance.

### **TI 2.0 YEAR 2 APPLICATION**

The TI 2.0 Program Year 2 application period closed on January 31, 2025. If you need to make any changes or you experienced issues with submitting the AHCCCS Online Year 2 Application, notify the TI 2.0 Program team at <u>targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov</u>.

# UPCOMING PROGRAM DELIVERABLES

Area of Concentration* (AOC)	Торіс	Deadline	
ALL PARTICIPANTS	<b>M5:</b> Address Health Disparities	March 31, 2025 Participants must identify a health disparity by March 31, 2025 and implement their intervention plan to address it. Participants will only submit documentation evaluating the intervention by September 30, 2025.	
ALL PARTICIPANTS	M1.2: QIC Year 3 Online Project B	March 31, 2025 Submit in <u>Canvas</u> • Root Cause Analysis • PDSA Cycle	
ADULT BH Only participants with PMH-Certification requirement that sufficiently trained staff by 9/30/2024.	<b>M6:</b> Pass PMH-Certification Exam	March 31, 2025 Save to your computer and upload to <u>AHCCCS Online</u> <u>TI 2.0 Year 2 Online Portal</u> in early <b>Spring, 2025</b> . • Evidence of training completion date • Evidence of exam score (pass/fail) and date	
ADULT BH Only participants with PMH-Certification requirement that did not sufficiently train staff by 9/30/2024.	<b>M6:</b> Complete Prerequisite Training, Pass PMH- Certification Exam	September 30, 2025 Save to your computer and upload into the AHCCCS Online TI 2.0 Year 3 Online Portal in early 2026. • Evidence of training completion date • Evidence of exam score (pass/fail) and date	
ALL PARTICIPANTS	Begin random sampling for: All Participants - M3	April 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025	
	<ul> <li>Closed Loop Referral System</li> </ul>	Begin tracking membership/ appointments where	

	Claims based documentation Adult BH - M6 • New caregiver depression and anxiety screening and follow up (MH patients and referrals from PCP) Adult PCP - M6 • New caregiver depression and anxiety screening and referral to appropriate MH (PCP patients) Peds PCP - M6 • Dental varnish and referrals to Dentist (AHCCCS members with tooth eruption up to age 5) Peds PCP - M7 • New caregiver depression and anxiety screening and referral to appropriate MH. (Up to 2 caregivers during AHCCCS EPSDT visit).	<ul> <li>applicable milestone processes should have been followed (EHR field, separate list). Save to your computer.</li> <li>AHCCCS will demonstrate the random sample process and provide a tool at the March Information Sessions.</li> <li>Participants will enter the following into the AHCCCS Online TI 2.0 Year 3 Online Portal when it's available in early 2026.</li> <li>Denominator (#) of members/ events where milestone process was applicable.</li> <li>Numerator (#) of members/events where the milestone process was followed.</li> <li>The list of members does not need to be uploaded, but participants must maintain it for post-pay audits.</li> </ul>
ALL PARTICIPANTS	<b>M1.2:</b> QIC Year 3 Online Project C	June 30, 2025 Submit in <u>Canvas</u> • Project Charter • Process Map
ALL PARTICIPANTS	M1.2: QIC Year 3 Online Project C	September 30, 2025 Submit in <u>Canvas</u> • Root Cause Analysis • PDSA Cycle

\*Area of Concentration (AOC) refers to organizations participating in one or more of the following TI projects: Adult PCP, Adult BH, Peds PCP, Peds BH or Justice.

# **UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

AHCCCS, ASU TIPQIC, and subject matter experts will host optional virtual Office Hour meetings to provide assistance throughout the program.

- Office Hours often feature general content. They are informal and unstructured meetings with the intent to address concerns, questions and comments from TI 2.0 organizations. Some Office Hour Sessions are designated to address specific questions or topics. Discussions are recorded for internal use only to ensure succinct information can be added to milestone guidance and the AHCCCS TI website.
- Information Sessions, hosted by the AHCCCS and ASU TIPQIC teams, are structured presentations covering a specific topic and addressing a few follow up questions. These meetings are recorded and slides will be shared following each session.
- Year 3 Quality Improvement Collaborative (QIC) Sessions are structured and facilitated by the ASU TIPQIC team to foster peer collaboration on meeting milestones and process improvement. Organizations must have a representative in attendance to satisfy the attendance portion of the QIC milestone (5% annually). REGISTER BELOW. These sessions will be recorded and published to the <u>ASU</u> <u>TIPQIC</u>. For more information, contact the ASU TIPQIC team at <u>TIPQIC@asu.edu</u>.
- NCQA Health Equity (HE) Accreditation General Office Hours will be facilitated by AHCCCS to foster high-level discussion as it relates to NCQA HE Accreditation relationship to TI milestones, cross-sector collaboration, and systemic challenges. Attendance is optional but highly encouraged for those seeking HEA.
- NCQA HE Accreditation Technical Assistance Office Hours will be facilitated by NCQA with intent to address HE Accreditation questions (e.g., clarify documentation needed to satisfy a required element). Recordings and meeting notes are available in the NCQA Portal.

Meeting Type	Area of Concentration	Date/Time (Arizona Time)	Registration Link
Year 3 Information Session: CLAS (M2) & Health Equity (M3)	All	Monday, March 10, 2025 9:00 a.m.	<u>Register Here</u>
Year 3 Information Session: HRSN Processes (M5) & CommunityCares (M4)	All	Tuesday, March 11, 2025 1:00 p.m.	Register Here
Year 3 Information Session: PMH Certifications (M6) & Postpartum Depression Screening- Screening New Caregivers (M6)	Adult BH & Adult PCP	Wednesday, March 12, 2025 9:00 a.m.	Register Here
Year 3 Information Session: Onsite	Peds PCP	Friday, March 14, 2025	Register Here

Dental Varnish (M6)		11:00 a.m.	
Year 3 Information Session: Postpartum Depression Screening- Screening New Caregivers at EPSDT Visit and Referrals (M7)	Peds PCP	Friday, March 14, 2025 1:30 p.m.	<u>Register Here</u>
Office Hours	All	Monday, March 24, 2025 12:00 p.m.	<u>Register Here</u>
Year 3 Information Session: Early Reach-In (M7) & Tobacco Cessation (M6)	Justice	TBD	Email invites will be sent
Office Hours	All	Monday, April 7, 2025 11:00 a.m.	<u>Register Here</u>
Office Hours	All	Friday, April 25, 2025 11:00 am.	<u>Register Here</u>
TI Year 3: QIC 3	All	Thursday, May 8th, 2025 11:30 a.m.	Register Here
TI Year 3: QIC 4	All	Thursday, August 7th, 2025 11:30 a.m.	<u>Register Here</u>

NOTE: Meeting dates are subject to change. If changes occur, registrants will be notified by email.

# **REPORT ORGANIZATION CHANGES**

Please ensure your organization's information is current by notifying the TI 2.0 Program team of any new staff or ownership changes. Submit a support ticket to the team to report these organizational updates. Keeping this information up to date is crucial for ensuring that important program details such as payment information are communicated to the appropriate individuals.

Submit A Ticket

## **ASU TIPQIC DASHBOARDS**

The ASU TIPQIC team has created three Tableau dashboards for TI 2.0 to help your organization achieve its milestones. To help you get started, they have developed two PDF guides with <u>step-by-step instructions on accessing the dashboards</u> and <u>interpreting your data</u> effectively. If you have any questions about your dashboards or need assistance accessing them, please email at <u>TIPQIC@asu.edu</u>.

# **CONTACT US**

Stay connected with the TI Team by attending <u>Office Hour sessions</u>, submit a <u>Support</u> <u>Ticket</u>, or contact the AHCCCS TI team at <u>targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov</u>.

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