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DATE: April 2, 2013

TO: Holders of AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual

FROM: Julie Ambur, Administrative Services Officer, Contracts & Policy

Division of Health Care Management, AHCCCS

SUBJECT: AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual (ACOM) - March 2013 Update

This memo describes revisions and/or additions to the ACOM for the month of March:

Published Policy Revisions

• Chapter 200, Policy 204, Teaching Physician Reimbursement Option

This policy has been removed to eliminate redundancy. All pertinent information is included in the *Fee-For-Service Provider Manual*.

Approved Policies Not Yet Effective

A new area of the ACOM web page has been developed in order to make available ACOM Policies that have been approved but are not yet effective. Please access the following link to view these policies: <u>Approved Policies Not Yet Effective</u>

Recent Revisions:

• Chapter 400, Draft Policy 433 – Member Identification Cards

This policy has been updated to incorporate State Agency plans into the Member ID card formatting standards and to clarify the roles of *Contractors* versus *Direct Contractors*.

• Chapter 300, Draft Policy – Acute Program Payment Reform Initiative

The purpose of this initiative is to encourage Contractor activity in the area of quality improvement, particularly those initiatives that are conducive to improved health outcomes and cost savings, and those related to child and adolescent health. Shared-savings arrangements between Contractors and providers designed to achieve these cost savings and improved outcomes are integral to this initiative.

In accordance with the Acute/CRS RFP YH14-0001, this policy is provided six months prior to implementation of this initiative. AHCCCS is interested in Contractor feedback. Please submit comments, questions, or concerns to Stephanie Lefkowski, Finance Manager, at: Stephanie.Lefkowski@azahcccs.gov by April 30th.