

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

- 1. Name of the agency:** Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)
- 2. The Topic of the public information notice:** Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding for FY 2016
- 3. The public information relating to the topic:**

Despite the absence of State funding for Graduate Medical Education (GME) for FY 2016, AHCCCS is authorized pursuant to ARS 36-2903.01(G)(9)(f), to permit political subdivisions, tribal governments and Arizona public universities to provide matching funds to draw down federal dollars to support the costs of GME programs at designated hospitals via Intergovernmental Agreements. The pool structure and methodology used to determine a hospital's allocation are described in A.A.C. R9-22-712.05.

The AHCCCS Administration has proposed amending A.A.C. R9-22-712.05 to modify the method of allocating funds for indirect GME costs to permit payments that will cover a greater portion of the costs incurred by the GME programs. Currently, the payments are limited to the lesser of two alternative calculations described in the Rule. The Administration is proposing to modify it so that the payments are limited to the greater of the two alternatives described in the Rule. The proposed rule is posted to our website: <http://www.azahcccs.gov/reporting/state/proposedrules.aspx>.

Hospitals that do not receive matching funds from a political subdivision, tribal government or public university and do not have final intergovernmental agreements to AHCCCS by August 15, 2016, will not receive 2016 GME funds.

More information can be obtained from the AHCCCS website at:
<http://www.azahcccs.gov/commercial/HospitalSupplements/GMEpayments.aspx>

Please direct any written comments, which must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 12, 2015, to:

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