

In Arizona, AHCCCS outlined core values on ways health plans can add value which includes: (1) working with the community stakeholders to design and implement innovative programs, (2) recognizing that health care providers are an essential partner in the delivery of physical health and behavioral health care services, and (3) operating the Health Plan in a manner that is efficient and effective for health care providers as well as the Contractor.

Additionally, AHCCCS requires health plans to have dedicated positions that are focused on special populations and are required to collaborate with stakeholders. Examples of these required positions are court coordinator, justice system liaison, office of individual and family affairs administrator, adult behavioral health member liaison, child behavioral health member liaison, and housing specialists.

See the information above about the TIP program. Also [here](#) is a link to AHCCCS' webpage on TIP. The page outlines the requirements, performance measures and milestones to be achieved by the different provider types. Additionally, at the bottom of the webpage, there is information on how CMS supports the funding of incentives to participate.

In Arizona, AHCCCS has included the following in their contracts to support rural health providers:

- The Contractor is encouraged to use Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics (FQHCs/RHCs) and FQHC Look-Alikes in Arizona to provide covered services, while the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities have been incorporated into the managed care system. FQHCs/RHCs and FQHC Look-Alikes are paid unique, cost-based Prospective Payment System (PPS) rates for the majority of non-pharmacy ambulatory Medicaid-covered services. The PPS rate is an all-inclusive per visit rate.
- Rural Hospital Pass-Through Payment: In accordance with A.R.S. § 36-2905.02 and A.A.C. R9-22-712.07, rural hospitals, as defined in A.A.C. R9-22-712.07, shall receive additional payments from AHCCCS in order to increase inpatient reimbursement. The Contractor shall be required to pass-through payments to qualifying rural hospitals.