



Provider communication

General information and system updates

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1/1/2024 Rate Guidance from AHCCCS

Applicable to: Mercy Care Complete Care, Mercy Care ACC-RBHA, Mercy Care Long Term Care, Mercy Care DD, and Mercy Care DCS CHP

On January 2, 2024 AHCCCS relayed information to Mercy Care that we would like to share with our provider network regarding the 1/1/24 AHCCCS Rate Guidance passthroughs.

The purpose of this notification is to provide additional guidance for CYE 2024 on rate increases effective 01/01/24. As many of you are aware, AHCCCS has adjusted rates on January 1st over the past several years to address changes to minimum wage in Arizona.

Base rates for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and Assisted Living Facility (ALF) providers are increased as described in the final public notice posted 12/15/2023 here: https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PublicNotices/rates/20240101_PublicNotice-HCBSFinal.pdf

Base rates for Nursing Facility (NF) providers are increased as described in the final public notice posted 12/15/2023 here: <https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PublicNotices/rates/20240101PublicNotice-NFFinal.pdf>

In addition to the annual changes to HCBS and NF rates as a result of minimum wage, AHCCCS has adjusted physician-administered drug rates for codes that are priced using the CMS Average Sale Price (ASP) file. Codes priced using the ASP file, will be updated on a quarterly basis starting 1/1/2024. Please see the public notice below: <https://azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PublicNotices/rates/20240101FinalPublicNotice-PhysicianDrug.pdf>

In coordination with AHCCCS, Mercy Care will adjust base provider reimbursement rates by an amount equal to the percentage adjustment to the AHCCCS Capped Fee Schedule rates effective 1/1/24 for the fee schedules specified above.

As always, don't hesitate to contact your Mercy Care [Network Management Representative](#) with any questions or comments. You can find this [Notice](#) and all other provider notices on our Mercy Care website.

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