



December 7, 2015

The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Re: Title XIX Behavioral Health Financial and Program Accountability

Dear Governor Ducey:

Pursuant to Laws 2013, Chapter 220, the Department of Child Safety is required to submit the enclosed financial and program accountability report to provide information on the Title XIX eligibility of children in foster care by county for the quarter ending September 30, 2015.

The total number of children in out-of-home placements who were enrolled in Title XIX rose throughout the quarter, reaching 16,291 by the end of September 2015, a 4.7 percent increase since September 2014. Of the Title XIX-enrolled children at the end of September 2015, 10,526 resided in Maricopa County. During the quarter ending in September 2015, the Department expended \$1,484,120 on behavioral health placements and \$126,327 on behavioral health services for Title XIX-eligible children.

The primary reason for the decreased costs is attributed to fewer children funded by DCS in inpatient placements (including RTCs). Residential placement is a high risk/high cost intervention and there is little evidence to support any increase in therapeutic efficacy especially when the youth is placed far away from their home environment. When it is needed for the safety of the child, it should be short term, best practice model close to home to allow communication, collaboration and generalization of skills learned.

This report also includes updated expenditure figures for the third and fourth quarters of FY2015. As noted, use of Department funds for behavioral health services (both inpatient and outpatient) on Title XIX-eligible children/youth has decreased significantly, despite an increase in enrolled children. Amounts are presented according to month of service and are restated on each quarterly report to reflect the most up-to-date payment information.

The movement of medically-necessary behavioral health services from DCS back to the TXIX funded RBHA is important for many reasons, including but not limited to:

- Meeting national best practice standards which state that children/youth are resilient, strong and need constant re-assessment as to their clinical needs. The natural “tension” between Medicaid Managed Care and DCS is healthy as youth have the best outcomes when managed in the lowest (least restrictive) level of care possible. The length of stay for a DCS paid RTC is about double that of one funded by the RBHA.
- Forecasting financial expenditures and providing accountability from DBHS and AHCCCS to adequately meet the behavioral health needs of DCS involved youth and their families within the state of Arizona
 - Maximizing use of the federal funding through the TXIX/Medicaid Program
 - Maximizing use of statewide (& out of state) RBHA contracts. The cost of a DCS paid placements is much higher than the market rates set by Medicaid. Hence, there is a payment incentive to keep youth in higher level of care longer when funded by DCS.
 - Appropriate oversight of services (including length of stay and psychotropic medication oversight – both number of meds and maximum doses).
- Assessing need for new program growth and existing program expansion (capacity building) with programs specific to the needs of DCS children and their families within the state of Arizona.
- Expanding the use of evidence-based practices, including trauma-informed care for DCS youth and their families.

A portion of Department expenditures for behavioral health placements and services are due to court orders. The Department continues to work with the juvenile justice and court systems to find solutions to meet the behavioral health needs of the youth in a timely fashion while engaging the assigned and funded RBHA in the treatment plan.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 255-2500.

Sincerely,



ON BEHALF OF

Gregory McKay
Director

Enclosure

cc: Representative John M. Allen, Chairman, House Child and Family Affairs Committee
Senator Nancy Barto, Chairman, Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Richard Stavneak, Director, Joint Legislative Budget Committee
Lorenzo Romero, Director, Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and
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Michele Reagan, Secretary of State
Joan Clark, Director, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records

1. Title XIX eligible children in Out-of-Home placement (as at end of month)

FY2016 - QTR 1			
County	Jul	Aug	Sep
Apache	39	41	40
Cochise	39	210	215
Coconino	114	118	113
Gila	98	96	92
Graham	80	83	80
Greenlee	1	1	1
La Paz	40	44	43
Maricopa	10,622	10,722	10,526
Mohave	549	556	538
Navajo	118	123	128
Pima	2,972	2,962	2,889
Pinal	972	967	959
Santa Cruz	55	51	56
Yavapai	345	356	335
Yuma	298	281	276
Total	16,342	16,611	16,291

Source: AHCCCS Report ID HP07M078 Acute Enrollment report
<http://www.azahcccs.gov/reporting/enrollment/healthplans.aspx>

2. Percent of Title XIX eligible children in Out-of-home Placement (as at end of month)

FY2016 - QTR 1			
County	Jul	Aug	Sep
Apache	95.7%	94.0%	89.0%
Cochise	91.8%	93.0%	91.0%
Coconino	97.2%	99.0%	92.0%
Gila	95.0%	97.0%	98.0%
Graham	98.7%	100.0%	100.0%
Greenlee	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
La Paz	93.3%	97.0%	93.0%
Maricopa	94.4%	95.0%	94.0%
Mohave	94.6%	96.0%	95.0%
Navajo	95.3%	99.0%	96.0%
Pima	93.5%	95.0%	94.0%
Pinal	96.4%	95.0%	94.0%
Santa Cruz	88.1%	87.0%	93.0%
Yavapai	95.5%	95.0%	96.0%
Yuma	95.1%	93.0%	93.0%

Source: CMDP NTXIX enrollment information and calculated %

3. New Title XIX eligible children opened in month

FY2016 - QTR 1			
County	Jul	Aug	Sep
Apache	10	3	1
Cochise	7	20	14
Coconino	15	12	12
Gila	10	6	5
Graham	6	5	1
Greenlee	0	0	0
La Paz	3	4	0
Maricopa	801	671	503
Mohave	47	30	18
Navajo	9	13	10
Pima	203	199	145
Pinal	59	42	79
Santa Cruz	6	7	8
Yavapai	18	42	23
Yuma	29	8	11
Total	1,223	1,062	830

Source: AHCCCS Report ID HP07M082 Acute Only Disenrollment / Enrollment monthly summary by health plans and counties

4. Children that remain open from the current and previous months

FY2016 - QTR 1			
County	Jul	Aug	Sep
Apache	34	40	38
Cochise	179	190	206
Coconino	111	110	96
Gila	90	88	83
Graham	74	81	76
Greenlee	(1)	1	1
La Paz	37	44	42
Maricopa	10,083	10,151	9,827
Mohave	520	533	502
Navajo	107	115	123
Pima	2,746	2,753	2,671
Pinal	918	920	872
Santa Cruz	47	40	53
Yavapai	325	325	291
Yuma	291	256	260
Total	15,561	15,647	15,141

Source: Formula to subtract the closed (table 5) from the previous months total (table 1) using AHCCCS supplied data

5. Children who have been closed in month

FY2016 - QTR 1			
County	Jul	Aug	Sep
Apache	5	1	2
Cochise	25	14	9
Coconino	3	8	17
Gila	8	8	9
Graham	6	2	4
Greenlee	2	0	0
La Paz	3	0	1
Maricopa	539	571	699
Mohave	29	23	36
Navajo	11	8	5
Pima	226	209	218
Pinal	54	47	87
Santa Cruz	8	11	3
Yavapai	20	31	44
Yuma	7	25	16
Total	946	958	1,150

Source: AHCCCS Report ID HP07M082 Acute Only Disenrollment / Enrollment monthly summary by health plans and counties

6. Non-Title XIX Behavioral Health Placement Expenditures for Title XIX Eligible children by Service Date

		FY2016 - QTR 1			
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Q1
Behavioral Group Home					
Apache	\$	-	-	-	-
Cochise		-	-	-	-
Coconino		-	-	-	-
Gila		-	-	-	-
Graham		-	-	-	-
Greenlee		-	-	-	-
La Paz		-	-	-	-
Maricopa		41,567	37,402	31,176	110,145
Mohave		-	-	-	-
Navajo		-	-	-	-
Pima		-	-	-	-
Pinal		-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz		-	-	-	-
Yavapai		636	-	615	1,251
Yuma		-	-	-	-
Total	\$	42,202	\$ 37,402	\$ 31,791	\$ 111,395
Residential Treatment Center					
Apache	\$	-	-	-	-
Cochise		-	-	-	-
Coconino		-	-	-	-
Gila		-	-	-	-
Graham		-	-	-	-
Greenlee		-	-	-	-
La Paz		-	-	-	-
Maricopa		209,004	184,965	170,980	564,949
Mohave		-	-	8,100	8,100
Navajo		-	-	-	-
Pima		8,060	13,080	9,000	30,140
Pinal		10,920	16,120	15,600	42,640
Santa Cruz		-	-	-	-
Yavapai		16,120	16,120	15,600	47,840
Yuma		-	-	-	-
Total	\$	244,104	\$ 230,285	\$ 219,280	\$ 693,669
Therapeutic Group Home					
Apache	\$	21	\$ 636	\$ 287	\$ 943
Cochise		2,487	1,148	841	4,475
Coconino		5,574	1,271	1,230	8,075
Gila		-	451	-	451
Graham		-	-	-	-
Greenlee		-	-	-	-
La Paz		-	-	-	-
Maricopa		220,844	199,126	184,889	604,858
Mohave		636	636	615	1,886
Navajo		-	-	-	-
Pima		17,349	28,014	40,559	85,922
Pinal		9,750	10,053	9,206	29,008
Santa Cruz		-	-	-	-
Yavapai		1,312	1,907	1,230	4,449
Yuma		820	1,169	615	2,604
Total	\$	258,791	\$ 244,409	\$ 239,471	\$ 742,670
Total Expenditures		\$ 545,096	\$ 512,096	\$ 490,542	\$ 1,547,733

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7. Non-Title XIX Behavioral Health Services Expenditures for Title XIX Eligible Children

		FY2016 - QTR 1			
		Jul	Aug	Sep	Q1
Counseling Services					
Apache	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -	-
Cochise		-	-	-	-
Coconino		440	220	-	660
Gila		-	-	-	-
Graham		-	-	-	-
Greenlee		-	-	-	-
La Paz		-	-	-	-
Maricopa		5,071	4,391	3,868	13,330
Mohave		-	-	-	-
Navajo		500	400	600	1,500
Pima		3,742	3,425	3,194	10,361
Pinal		-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz		-	-	-	-
Yavapai		-	-	-	-
Yuma		-	-	-	-
Total	\$	9,753	\$ 8,436	\$ 7,662	\$ 25,851
Psychiatric Services					
Apache	\$	-	\$ 960	\$ -	960
Cochise		-	-	-	-
Coconino		-	1,300	230	1,530
Gila		-	-	1,440	1,440
Graham		-	-	-	-
Greenlee		-	-	-	-
La Paz		664	-	-	664
Maricopa		33,831	47,622	32,107	113,560
Mohave		2,875	2,408	-	5,283
Navajo		-	960	-	960
Pima		7,185	5,390	6,240	18,815
Pinal		330	1,760	2,340	4,430
Santa Cruz		-	-	-	-
Yavapai		960	920	800	2,680
Yuma		-	810	-	810
Total	\$	45,845	\$ 62,130	\$ 43,157	\$ 151,132
Total Expenditures	\$	55,598	\$ 70,566	\$ 50,819	\$ 176,983

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8. Restated Non-Title XIX BH Placement Expenditures for Title XIX Eligible children by Service D

	SFY 2015 - QTR 3				SFY 2015 - QTR 4			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q3	Apr	May	Jun	Q4
Behavioral Group Home								
Apache	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cochise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coconino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gila	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenlee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
La Paz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maricopa	43,412	34,558	42,686	120,655	40,363	43,591	38,691	122,644
Mohave	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Navajo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pima	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pinal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yavapai	-	185	636	820	615	636	615	1,866
Yuma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 43,412	\$ 34,742	\$ 43,322	\$ 121,475	\$ 40,978	\$ 44,226	\$ 39,306	\$ 124,510
Residential Treatment Center								
Apache	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cochise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coconino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gila	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenlee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
La Paz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maricopa	363,123	369,272	385,444	1,117,838	351,424	315,514	252,410	919,348
Mohave	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Navajo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pima	8,060	7,280	8,060	23,400	7,800	8,060	7,800	23,660
Pinal	18,197	9,936	1,887	30,020	-	-	-	-
Santa Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yavapai	31,460	23,400	18,720	73,580	15,600	16,120	15,600	47,320
Yuma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 420,840	\$ 409,888	\$ 414,111	\$ 1,244,838	\$ 374,824	\$ 339,694	\$ 275,810	\$ 990,328
Therapeutic Group Home								
Apache	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cochise	9,424	8,512	9,424	27,360	10,968	5,348	6,381	22,696
Coconino	7,159	5,707	10,579	23,445	6,929	12,612	6,314	25,854
Gila	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graham	-	185	636	820	390	-	-	390
Greenlee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
La Paz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maricopa	263,245	230,004	239,991	733,240	227,392	241,337	234,108	702,837
Mohave	964	574	636	2,173	2,430	4,142	656	7,228
Navajo	759	574	636	1,968	615	636	21	1,271
Pima	20,608	21,501	24,546	66,654	22,853	19,561	17,935	60,348
Pinal	9,114	15,341	15,317	39,772	10,699	16,426	15,795	42,920
Santa Cruz	22,499	14,732	15,011	52,242	1,677	-	-	1,677
Yavapai	636	574	636	1,845	656	636	1,005	2,296
Yuma	1,107	1,148	1,271	3,526	1,066	636	615	2,317
Total	\$ 335,513	\$ 298,851	\$ 318,680	\$ 953,044	\$ 285,673	\$ 301,331	\$ 282,828	\$ 869,831
Total Expenditures	\$ 799,764	\$ 743,481	\$ 776,112	\$ 2,319,357	\$ 701,475	\$ 685,250	\$ 597,943	\$ 1,984,668

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9. Restated Non-Title XIX Behavioral Health Services Expenditures for Title XIX Eligible Children

	FY 2015 - QTR 3				FY 2015 - QTR 4			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q3	Apr	May	Jun	Q4
Counseling Services								
Apache	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cochise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coconino	110	330	1,795	2,235	440	440	440	1,320
Gila	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Graham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenlee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
La Paz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maricopa	8,704	7,529	5,590	21,823	5,481	7,210	4,803	17,494
Mohave	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Navajo	400	400	400	1,200	600	400	400	1,400
Pima	4,397	6,158	5,921	16,476	6,170	5,040	4,221	15,431
Pinal	405	-	560	965	240	320	-	560
Santa Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yavapai	923	900	-	1,823	-	-	-	-
Yuma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 14,938	\$ 15,317	\$ 14,266	\$ 44,521	\$ 12,931	\$ 13,410	\$ 9,864	\$ 36,205
Psychiatric Services								
Apache	\$ 744	\$ 960	\$ -	\$ 1,704	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Cochise	-	930	-	930	-	-	1,000	1,000
Coconino	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gila	-	-	-	-	-	-	83	83
Graham	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greenlee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
La Paz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maricopa	33,645	29,092	27,816	90,553	39,900	36,022	26,179	102,101
Mohave	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Navajo	120	2,160	960	3,240	-	-	-	-
Pima	3,400	7,630	2,790	13,820	5,790	5,140	5,805	16,735
Pinal	130	1,620	1,340	3,090	2,370	-	965	3,335
Santa Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yavapai	1,210	115	920	2,245	835	-	115	950
Yuma	235	920	920	2,075	920	920	-	1,840
Total	\$ 39,484	\$ 43,427	\$ 34,746	\$ 117,657	\$ 49,815	\$ 42,082	\$ 34,147	\$ 126,044
Total Expenditures	\$ 54,422	\$ 58,744	\$ 49,012	\$ 162,178	\$ 62,746	\$ 55,492	\$ 44,011	\$ 162,249

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