



**ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM
DATA SHARING AGREEMENT**

Data Sharing of Blood Lead Level Data between the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System and the Arizona Department of Health Services Office of Environmental Health

AHCCCS Agreement No. YH14-0019
ADHS Agreement No. AGR2014-047

October 2, 2013

1. TERM OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement is open ended with no established termination date. This Agreement shall be effective upon signature of both parties and may only be terminated in accordance with paragraph 6 of this Agreement.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Background and Purpose

Pursuant to the authority granted the Arizona Department of Health services (ADHS) under Title 36, Chapter 13, Article 6 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, the Office of Environmental Health (OEH), acting in its capacity as a public health authority as that term is used in 45 C.F.R. 164.501, reports blood lead data to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) annually. The objective of this agreement is to ensure accurate and complete reporting to the CDC by sharing data between the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and ADHS. Through this agreement, AHCCCS is disclosing data to ADHS in its capacity as a public health authority consistent with 45 C.F.R. 164.512(b).

ADHS reports the status of blood lead poisoning in Arizona to the CDC annually. The report includes blood lead test results, lead sources, and demographic data. Geographic areas presenting a higher risk for Arizona children becoming exposed to lead are referred to as "red zones." The red zones are targeted areas in the Arizona Lead Screening Plan.

ADHS and AHCCCS Contractors continue to work collaboratively to implement actions to increase blood lead screening and testing in these targeted red zones, as well as to coordinate follow up testing, member and provider education, and treatment when needed.

Sharing blood lead screening and testing data between ADHS and AHCCCS will eliminate repetitive testing of children, duplication of effort in implementing interventions and also enable both entities to identify barriers to eliminate blood lead poisoning such as:

- Inadequate provider screening for blood lead in children
- Persistent lead sources
- Lack of member and provider blood lead knowledge
- Member noncompliance in screening and testing for blood lead

The shared vision of AHCCCS and ADHS includes:

- Eliminate blood lead poisoning in children by 2020
- Monitor geographic areas with high lead exposure (target or red zone zip codes)
- Identify the source(s) of lead exposure in these areas
- Eliminate the lead source(s)
- Identify children with elevated blood lead levels to initiate early intervention and treatment, when needed
- Identify providers who are not screening and testing for lead exposure in targeted areas

Description of Services

AHCCCS shares data with the ADHS/OEH. ADHS serves Medicaid members as well as non-Medicaid citizens in Arizona. Medicaid recipients are impacted by the efforts of the ADHS/OEH.

Elevated blood lead levels are found predominantly in the lower socioeconomic population. Providers who receive an elevated blood lead level result on a patient are required by law to report the finding to the ADHS/OEH (R9-4-302). The OEH reports to AHCCCS all Medicaid members with elevated blood lead levels ($\geq 10\mu\text{g/dL}$) each month. The AHCCCS EPSDT Coordinator works with the member's AHCCCS Contractor for follow-up and coordination of care. See AMPM Chapter 400, Policy 430.

The following information is shared on a regular basis with the OEH:

- Member name
- Member date of birth
- Member address
- Member AHCCCS identification number
- Date the blood lead testing was performed
- Name of the provider

AHCCCS' goal of increasing blood lead screening will be positively impacted by the increase in education to providers. Providing ADHS with the name of the provider ordering the blood lead testing allows efforts to be made by ADHS to educate these providers.

States are facing extraordinary reductions in budgets. Arizona and other states will be challenged for the foreseeable future to meet goals for the health and well-being of its citizens with very limited resources. Collaboration of the two state agencies to compile current, accurate data and join in efforts to increase monitoring and targeting red zone areas will enhance the goal of eliminating blood lead poisoning in Arizona's children by 2020. Sharing data and interventions will eliminate duplication of efforts, thereby, improving cost containment.

The ADHS/OEH will:

- A. Inform the AHCCCS EPSDT Coordinator of AHCCCS members identified through testing as having elevated blood lead levels, including the lead level, on a monthly basis.
- B. Inform the AHCCCS EPSDT Coordinator of providers not conducting blood lead tests in targeted areas, when identified.
- C. Provide messaging or educational materials for members and providers related blood lead testing.
- D. Maintain the Arizona Blood Lead Plan.
- E. Provide support in AHCCCS' request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to transition from universal blood lead screening, of its children ages 0-24 months, to a targeted blood lead screening program.
- F. Establish and maintain physical, technical, and administrative safeguards consistent with 45 C.F.R. Part 164 regarding protected health information provided to ADHS by AHCCCS.

AHCCCS will:

- A. Inform AHCCCS Contractors of blood lead targeted areas.
- B. Require AHCCCS Contractors to outreach and provide information and education to members in the targeted areas related to blood lead screening and testing.
- C. Require AHCCCS Contractors to outreach and provide information and education to providers in the targeted areas related to blood lead screening and testing.
- D. Utilize the notification of AHCCCS members with high blood lead results to require AHCCCS Contractors to coordinate care for AHCCCS members identified with a high blood lead levels.
- E. Provide opportunities annually for ADHS to speak to AHCCCS Contractors regarding the Blood Lead Program.

3. PAYMENT AND AMOUNT

There are no payments associated with this Agreement.

4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

See Description of Services above.

5. RECORDS

ADHS/OEH, pursuant to A.R.S. §35-214, shall establish and maintain related to this Agreement, all books, accounts, reports, files and other records relating to this Agreement for inspection and audit for AHCCCS, for a period of five (5) years after its completion. Upon request by AHCCCS, a legible copy of the original of all such records shall be produced by ADHS/OEH.

6. TERMINATION

Either party may terminate this Agreement upon sixty (60) calendar day's written notice to the other party.

7. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Funds are not available for performance under this Agreement. No legal liability on the part of AHCCCS or ADHS/OEH for any payment may arise under this Agreement.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

It is mutually agreed by the parties that:

- A. In the event of a dispute, the parties agree to use arbitration to the extent required by A.R.S §12-1518. The laws of the State of Arizona shall govern any interpretation of this Agreement and venue shall be in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- B. Any amendments to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

- C. All requests for additional services shall be in writing and signed by both parties.
- D. All programmatic correspondence pertaining to this Agreement shall be sent to the parties respectively as follows:

ADHS/OEH

Arizona Department of Health Services
Office of Environmental Health
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Bureau of Epidemiology and Disease Control
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AHCCCS

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration
701 East Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034

ATTN: Administrator, Clinical Quality Management
Phone Number: (602) 417-4782
E-mail: CQM@azahcccs.gov

- E. All notices pertaining to this Agreement shall be sent to the parties respectively as follows:

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement:

ADHS:

Signature: Christine Ruth

Printed Name: Christine Ruth

Title: Chief Procurement Officer

Date: 11.1.13

AHCCCS:

Signature: Meggan Harley

Printed Name: Meggan Harley, CPPO, MSW

Title: Procurement and Contracts Manager

Date: 10/2/13

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