

ARIZONA STATE PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION



MAY 2023

HAPPY

May

Friendly Reminder: ASPA offices will be CLOSED on Monday,
May 29th in observance of Memorial Day!
Have a safe weekend!

Health Choice News:

All ASPA practitioners that require credentialing through Health Choice will be processed provisionally, which are done in 15 days.

Health Choice is not issuing contracts to the individual practitioners – what they are receiving are credentialing letters advising they are in the network with Health Choice. We find that credentialing and contracting are used interchangeably and by healthcare market standards credentialing IS considered contracting, but that is not the case with Health Choice – we issue TIN level / group contracts. All credentialed providers receive this letter upon approval.

If a group requests a contract – that should be conducted through our normal contracting process, however we have advised any groups who have inquired and have active ASPA participating practitioners (and no contract with Health Choice) that it is unnecessary to do so.

Health Choice News:

ASPA has received a letter of termination for our Credentialing Delegation with Health Choice.

As you may all know, Blue Cross is now the owner of Health Choice, and the delegation agreement was in their hands. Therefore, at this time, ASPA will no longer be handling the Credentialing for our Health Choice Contract.

You are not being terminated with Health Choice through ASPA.

Prospect News:

Prospect is adding more health plans for ASPA Members to their opt in form.

ASPA and Prospect will be sending a new opt in packet with reimbursement and other information as soon as possible.

If you have further questions, please contact Karen Ellington at Karen@azspa.com

AHCCCS News:

Effective May 1, 2023, AHCCCS has set a rate for fee-for-service providers who provide behavioral health services and bill AHCCCS for intensive outpatient program treatment. This change established a set rate of \$157.86 for one unit of billable service, a change from the prior rate methodology which paid 58.66% of the billed amount.

AHCCCS established this fixed rate for billing code H0015 after a thorough data analysis of rates paid for these services by other Medicaid programs and AHCCCS managed care organizations, as well as the current AHCCCS reimbursement for comparable services. While the new rate may be lower than what was billed by some providers under the prior methodology, it is approximately \$25 higher than industry average.