

# AHCCCS Communication:

## Mental Health Block Grant for Justice Involved Members

March 13, 2020

Dear Provider,

AHCCCS has received confirmation from SAMHSA regarding the ability to use funds from Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) for care and treatment of individuals with serious mental illness who have interactions with the criminal justice system. AHCCCS has also confirmed that those individuals with a serious emotional disturbance will also be considered in these changes.

AHCCCS has been given an opportunity to modify current initiatives for MHBG in order to expand to these service opportunities. As there is no additional MHBG funding at this time, AHCCCS is evaluating options that will be best aligned with the needs identified through community and stakeholder feedback as well as a possible needs assessment.

It has come to AHCCCS Administration attention that there may have been communication to the provider network from Managed Care Organization (MCO) staff, specific to the peer and family agencies, that they can now provide services to those in jail. There has been no formal plan developed or submitted to SAMHSA at this time that would provide these changes.

AHCCCS has asked that we communicate to our provider network that there are no changes to services currently. Once a plan is formalized and approved through SAMHSA, AHCCCS will communicate the changes system wide.

Should you have any additional questions, please contact the Division of Grants Administration at [GrantsManagement@azahcccs.gov](mailto:GrantsManagement@azahcccs.gov).

