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TO: AHCCCS Registered Providers
Contractor Chief Medical Officers
Contractor Pharmacy Directors
Contractor Compliance Officers
IHS & 638 Pharmacy Workgroup

FROM: Suzi Berman RPh

SUBJECT: State of Arizona House Bill 2075
Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances (EPCS)

The purpose of this memo is to provide notification of the State of Arizona House Bill 2075 as it pertains to Electronic Prescribing of Controlled Substances **and the attached additional information on available resources.**

Beginning January 1, 2020, a Schedule II controlled substance that is an Opioid shall be dispensed only with an electronic prescription order as required by Federal Law or Regulation. The Arizona State Board of Pharmacy will not issue waivers to providers for this regulation.

This is a statutory mandate to all providers sending and pharmacies receiving Schedule II Opioid Prescriptions. Exceptions to HB2075 include federal facilities, for example, the Indian Health Service, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense; these facilities are not subject to this regulation.

For additional information regarding HB2075, please click the link below to the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy website to view the Frequently Asked Questions tab “E-Prescribing of Schedule II Opioids Mandate”.

<https://pharmacy.az.gov/faq>

Please contact the AHCCCS Pharmacy Department at AHCCCSPharmacyDept@azahcccs.gov with any questions.