



February 7, 2024

First Class Mail, Certified Receipt Requested

Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services  
2111 E Baseline Rd, Ste A 1-3, F7-9 & F4-5  
Tempe, AZ 85283

**Re: Notice of Recission – Credible Allegation of Fraud**  
**AHCCCS Provider ID: 774923**  
**NPI: 1770870032**

Dear Provider,

On September 29, 2023, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (“AHCCCS”) Office of Inspector General (“OIG”) issued a Notice of Suspension – Credible Allegation of Fraud (“Notice of Suspension”) to Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services under 42 C.F.R. § 455.23. AHCCCS OIG has determined that Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services has met the criteria under 42 CFR § 455 Part A, and hereby rescinds the Notice of Suspension. This determination follows AHCCS OIG’s review of evidence submitted by Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services regarding billing for services Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services knew, or should have known, could not have been provided as claimed as identified by: Servicing children, which is outside the scope of ADHS licensure; Billing members past their date of death; and Overbilling for codes H2017 and H0031.

Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services provided the following information to AHCCCS OIG:

- Evidence and explanation regarding the outstanding bases in support of the CAF Suspension, including the reason for billing members past their date of death and documentation regarding the above-mentioned billing issues.
- The issue of servicing children, which was believed outside the scope of ADHS licensure, was addressed with proof from ADHS that Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services is licensed to provide services to children.

AHCCCS OIG reserves the right to pursue further action against Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services, LLC, including to seek recoupment of overpayments and civil monetary penalties as appropriate. In light of the documentation and explanation provided, AHCCCS-OIG will continue its review of the evidence, including any related medical records, regarding Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services, to determine if there are any preliminary overpayments, penalties, and/or assessments that could be issued as a result of the full investigation.

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This notice provides confirmation that payment to Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services is no longer suspended due to a Credible Allegation of Fraud and that Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services will be removed from the list of AHCCCS suspended providers.

Sincerely,

*Vanessa Templeman/DC*

Vanessa Templeman  
Inspector General

cc: AHCCCS Managed Care Plans  
AHCCCS Tribal Regional Behavioral Health Authorities  
Nicole Fries  
Ewaryst Jedrasik  
Jakenna Lebsack  
Samantha Williams

On September 22, 2023, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System ("AHCCCS") issued a Notice of Suspension - Credible Allegation of Fraud ("Notice of Suspension") to Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services under A.R.S. § 452.23. AHCCCS OIG has determined that Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services has met the criteria under A.R.S. § 452 Part A, and hereby rescinds the Notice of Suspension. This determination follows AHCCCS OIG's review of evidence submitted by Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services regarding billing for services Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services knew, or should have known, could not have been provided as claimed as identified by servicing children, which is outside the scope of ADHS licensure; billing members past their date of death; and overbilling for codes H3017 and H0031.

Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services provided the following information to AHCCCS OIG:

- Evidence and explanation regarding the outstanding issues in support of the CAE Suspension, including the reason for billing members past their date of death and documentation regarding the above-mentioned billing issues.
- The issue of servicing children, which was believed outside the scope of ADHS licensure, was addressed with proof from ADHS that Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services is licensed to provide services to children.

AHCCCS OIG reserves the right to pursue further action against Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services, LLC, including to seek recoupment of overpayments and civil monetary penalties as appropriate, in light of the documentation and explanation provided. AHCCCS OIG will continue its review of the evidence, including any related medical records, regarding Desert Rain Behavioral Health Services, to determine if there are any preliminary overpayments, penalties, and/or assessments that could be levied as a result of the full investigation.