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SUBJECT: URGENT POLICY CHANGE: Transition of Children to United CRS and T/RBHA Responsibilities in Continued SAPT or CMHS Block Grant Services

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This memorandum is intended to clarify the responsibilities of Tribal and Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (T/RBHAs) and T/RBHA providers in meeting the Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services’ (ADHS/DBHS) expectations regarding the following requirements:

Effective October 1st, 2013, members enrolled in the Children’s Rehabilitative Services program (CRS) will receive both their behavioral and physical health care through an integrated system administered by United CRS. Once this transition has occurred, encounters for Medicaid-reimbursable services rendered to these individuals must be submitted directly to United CRS from the provider. The contracted behavioral health provider may, however, continue to provide non-Medicaid covered services funded through the SAPT or CMHS Block Grant to persons who meet the Grant’s population requirements. These non-Title XIX covered services must be encountered to the RBHA and are allowable as funding is available. (See PM 3.19, Special Populations).

Importantly, the provider must abide by all funding regulations and restrictions for the respected grant. The ADHS/DBHS Division of Behavioral Health Services is revising Provider Manual, Section 3.17, Transition of Persons; until this revision is updated, T/RBHAs must implement and comply with changes addressed in this ADHS/DBHS Policy Memorandum.

Questions regarding this memorandum may be directed to the ADHS/DBHS Policy Office at (602) 364-4670.