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Behavioral Health Services Contract to Start December 1st

Individuals who receive publicly-funded behavioral health services in Cochise, Santa Cruz, Greenlee and Graham Counties will soon transition to a new Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA). RBHAs operate under contracts with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) and are responsible for the coordination and delivery of behavioral health services in specific Geographic Service Areas (GSAs) throughout the state. In March, [ADHS awarded contracts](#) for all of the GSAs outside of Maricopa County. When the regional contract to administer community-based behavioral health services to the residents of Cochise, Santa Cruz, Greenlee and Graham Counties was awarded to Cenpatico Behavioral Health of Arizona (Cenpatico), Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA) challenged the decision. That challenge has now been dropped.

Beginning December 1, 2010, Cenpatico will operate as the RBHA for these counties; currently there are approximately 5,300 adults and children receiving publicly-funded behavioral health services in these counties. CPSA and Cenpatico will collaborate to make sure behavioral health recipients receive services without interruption or delay.

“While disappointed, CPSA will fully abide by the terms of the agreement,” said Neal Cash, Chief Executive Officer for CPSA. “We look forward to continuing as the RBHA for Pima County and maintaining the strong relationships we have with the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Division of Behavioral Health Services. We look forward to building on the innovative work we’ve done in Pima County and look forward to additional opportunities in the future.”

“We are very pleased that the contract issues have been resolved and the Department can now move forward with implementation of this new contract,” said Dr. Laura Nelson, Deputy Director for the Division of Behavioral Health Services. “Our goal is for the individuals we serve to receive high quality care and have a choice in where they go for services. CPSA has laid a strong foundation, and we are confident Cenpatico will be successful in bringing additional innovations to southeastern Arizona that will drive recovery for our members.”

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