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AHCCCS; claims review; behavioral health

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SENATE BILL 1116

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 29, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY
ADDING SECTION 36-2903.18; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST
CONTAINMENT SYSTEM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 29, article 1, Arizona Revised
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-2903.18, to read:

4 36-2903.18. Behavioral health claims; American Indian health
5 program; appeal review requirement

6 BEFORE ANY CLAIM DENIAL OR ADVERSE APPEAL DETERMINATION BASED ON THE
7 MEDICAL NECESSITY OF A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE COVERED BY THE AMERICAN
8 INDIAN HEALTH PROGRAM, THE CLAIM AND SUPPORTING MEDICAL RECORD
9 DOCUMENTATION SHALL BE REVIEWED AND THE DENIAL OR ADVERSE DETERMINATION
10 APPROVED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS AT LEAST TWO YEARS OF RELEVANT CLINICAL
11 EXPERIENCE PROVIDING THE SAME OR SIMILAR SERVICES TO THE SERVICES AT
12 ISSUE.