ARIZONA TREAT & REFER
Recognition/Operationalization Roadmap

1. START HERE

APPLICATION PREPARATION
- Program built upon Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) or similar, EMS run reviews, medical director input

EDUCATION:
- Design and deliver core training for EMS personnel/medical director (12 hours)

PROTOCOLS:
- Behavioral health at a minimum with identified referral procedures

QUALITY ASSURANCE/PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT:
- Assess adherence to protocols

DATA REGISTRY SUBMISSION:
- Quarterly electronic reporting via NEMSIS v3 (expanded TR dataset)

FOLLOW-UP/SATISFACTION:
- Consider HIE alerts/notifications, text service, manual follow-up

2-4 MONTHS

2. ADHS RECOGNITION APPLICATION

Pre-application technical review and application review
Application revisions
Application approval

2-4 WEEKS

3. AHCCCS PROVIDER APPLICATION

National Provider Identification (NPI) number through CMS needed before AHCCCS application
AHCCCS provider fees paid upon application approval
Ongoing application to AHCCCS via ADHS recognition approval

4-8 WEEKS

4. OPERATIONS/ONGOING

Billing mechanism
Performance improvement, follow-up, Continuing Education (4 hours), updating/adding protocols, data collection/quarterly reporting to AzPIERS

RE-APPLICATION:
- Currently annually through ADHS

QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS

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