

General Provider Communication

Maricopa County Regional Behavioral Health Authority
Magellan Health Services of Arizona, Inc.

Dear Provider,

The Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS) has notified Magellan Health Services of Arizona that the National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Hazardous Weather Outlook for portions of east central Arizona and south central Arizona. Tonight, there is a slight risk of severe weather. Widespread thunderstorm activity is expected this afternoon and evening across south central Arizona, including the Phoenix Metro area.

Less thunderstorm activity is expected Friday followed by another increase Saturday or Sunday. Thunderstorm activity will decrease on Monday and remain rather low through mid-week. In response to this communication:

- Initiate outreach efforts and utilize available clinic staff to assist with communication and welfare checks for recipients who may be at risk to these severe weather conditions.
- Advise area hospitals of this hazardous weather outlook and urge them to consider the possibility of extreme weather conditions when discharging recipients.
- Document all actions taken regarding outreach and contact (e.g., checking on the welfare of recipients during home visits).
- Please have outreach staff assist homeless recipients where needed.

For more information about this NWS hazardous weather outlook, please [CLICK HERE](#).

If you have questions about this communication, please contact Mark Kern, Magellan of Arizona's emergency preparedness administrator at (602) 652-5915 or via e-mail at MKern@MagellanHealth.com.

Thank you.

