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## Great Afternoon,

Please provide strong reporting requirements for claims denial trends, prior authorization and step therapy trends, how much more likely Arizonans are to go out-of-network for mental health/ substance abuse disorder (SUDs) treatment, approval of only lower level of care, and provider networks. We must kindly and professionally demand transparency and strong reporting requirements.

Thank you,

Stacie

Be well,

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"The question is not 'What will happen to you?' The question is 'What will happen to them?" Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." **Christopher Reeve** 

Be bold! Speak up, advocate for yourself, and use your voice to advocate for others!

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