



Waiver & Whole Person Care Initiative

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Waiver Renewal Update

- AHCCCS' current 1115 Waiver expires September 30, 2021
- New Waiver begins October 1, 2021
- Renewal process is a one-year commitment
- Major regulatory issues to be determined:
 - CMS position on Budget Neutrality
 - CMS position on 1115 versus other regulatory vehicles

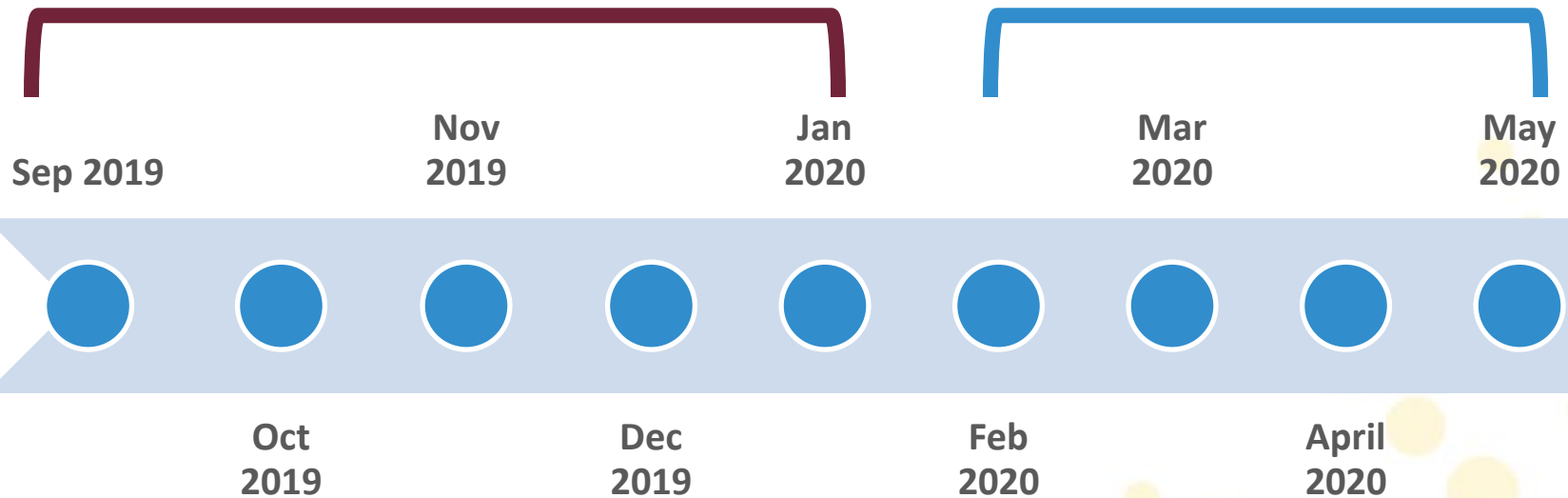
Waiver Renewal Timeline

PHASE 1:

Waiver Conceptualization
September 2019 – January 2020

PHASE 2:

Developing Waiver Renewal Proposal
February 2020 – May 14, 2020



Waiver Renewal Timeline Cont.

PHASE 3:
Public Input Process
May 15, 2020 – July 31, 2020

PHASE 4:
Finalize & Submit Waiver Proposal
August 2020 – October 2020

May 2020

Jul 2020

Sep 2020

Jun 2020

Aug 2020

Oct 2020

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- Growing attention to social determinants of health and impact on a person's well-being
- Belief that socio-economic status, behavior, and environment contribute more to health outcomes than access to health care
- AHCCCS intends to take the next step in the integration journey by including a Whole Person Care Initiative

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Opportunities

- Considering the following areas:
 - Transitional housing – with focus on housing for members leaving a correctional facility, being discharged from a BH inpatient stay, individuals experiencing chronic homelessness
 - Non-medical transportation, with a focus on access to healthy food and employment navigation services

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Opportunities, cont.

- Social isolation impacting ALTCS members served in their own homes including, but not limited to, peer support programs
- AHCCCS must determine fiscal impact of, and funding sources for, the state match commitment required to draw down Federal funds for any approved Whole Person Care Waiver items

Closed-Loop Referral System

- AHCCCS anticipates a single, statewide electronic closed-loop referral platform for social service fulfillment
- Will allow providers to
 - screen for social risk factors using existing systems & submit electronic referral to local agency for member to receive social services
 - see when a member's social needs have been fulfilled

Closed-Loop Referral System, cont.

- AHCCCS is partnering with Health Current and anticipates that Health Current will undertake evaluation of available closed-loop referral solutions in 2020
- AHCCCS intends that health care providers will be able to use the social risk factor screening tool of their choice as long as it captures a standard, minimum set of elements (TBD)

Next Steps in Waiver Development

- AHCCCS will work collaboratively with MCOs, community based organizations, tribal partners, providers and other external stakeholders to build out its whole person health strategy
- Web-page established for Initiative
- Dedicated email box also established to submit thoughts and suggestions