



APPENDIX D

Waiver Amendment Public Comment Letters



PUBLIC COMMENT OVERVIEW

Introduction

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is requesting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) provide the authority to permanently extend the Parents as Paid Caregivers Program that is currently available through a temporary COVID-19 flexibility. AHCCCS is also requesting to add extended family supports to preserve a supportive home environment and mitigate access to care challenges for the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCs) population.

AHCCCS held a series of Parents as Paid Caregivers forums in July 2023 and August 2023 to solicit public comment on the waiver amendment. Public comment was received via the following methods:

- Direct receipt of verbal comments made during live forum sessions and live forum chats,
- Email,
- Letter, and
- Phone call.

Volume and Type of Public Comment

The following table is a summary of all public comments received and the number of stakeholders engaged throughout the public comment period.

Event	Date	Count of Public Comments	Number of Attendees
Quarterly Tribal Consultation	6/22/2023	0	89
Quarterly Contractor Meeting	7/12/2023	3	45
State Medicaid Advisory Committee (SMAC)	7/12/2023	12	57
AHCCCS Community Forum	7/17/2023	56	265
OIFA Advisory Committee	7/18/2023	9	45
Waiver Community Forum	7/18/2023	284	563
Waiver Community Forum	8/02/2023	485	701
Waiver Email Inbox	-	739	-
Total		1,588	1,765

AHCCCS received several duplicative emails from stakeholders which were removed for this submission to CMS. AHCCCS received 739 emails from stakeholders, 582 of which are unique and are posted to the Parents as Paid Caregivers web page at the following link. AHCCCS would like to thank all commenters for sharing their comments, concerns, and suggestions.

All public comments can be found on the Parents as Paid Caregivers web page linked [HERE](#) or at azahcccs.gov/Resources/Downloads/Federal/ParentsAsPaidCaregivers-AZ1115AllPublicCommentEmails.pdf