

**AHCCCS Care (Childless Adults) Transition Plan
Fact Sheet
June 1, 2011**

Eligibility for the AHCCCS Care program will be frozen July 1, 2011 until additional funds become available to reopen enrollment into the program. No one will be approved for AHCCCS Care for the month of July 2011 and ongoing. The enrollment freeze is waiting for approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and will not be implemented until federal approval is granted.

What is the AHCCCS Care program?

AHCCCS Care or Childless Adults, as it is sometimes known, is a waiver program for adults who have not been determined eligible under one of the regular Medicaid groups (aged, blind, disabled, pregnant, under 18 or parent of a deprived child). An asset test is not required and they must have income under 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Eligibility must be renewed every 12 months.

How many people are on AHCCCS Care?

As of June 1, 2011 there are nearly 225,000 AHCCCS Care members.

What will happen to those already on AHCCCS Care?

All AHCCCS Care members with eligibility that began before July 2011 will remain eligible for the program, unless they lose eligibility because they no longer meet the requirements. This includes the requirement to comply with the renewal process.

AHCCCS will make an administrative change from AHCCCS Care to SSI MAO for people who are aged, blind or disabled (SSI MAO enrollment will not be frozen), if the member is over age 65, under age 65 and has Medicare or is diagnosed as seriously mentally ill (SMI) by the Department of Health Services. AHCCCS Care members who are diagnosed with HIV/AIDS will be administratively changed to SSI MAO, if they lose eligibility for AHCCCS Care for failure to complete the renewal process. Most SMI and HIV/AIDS members under the age of 65 will have to later be determined disabled under federal requirements by the Disability Determination Service Administration, Department of Economic Security. If an SMI member does not meet the federally defined criteria of disabled for Medicaid under the SSI MAO category, AHCCCS will continue their coverage under the AHCCCS Care category, as long as they meet all other required eligibility criteria, such as income.

What can AHCCCS Care members do?

AHCCCS Care members should do everything in their power to complete their renewal on time. They can complete a paper renewal form or complete an electronic renewal on line at www.healthearizona.org. They should also report any changes in address to their eligibility worker to insure no loss of contact.

How will AHCCCS Care members know their renewal date?

1st Notice: All AHCCCS Care members will be notified 60 days before the due date of their renewal and given information about how to comply.

2nd Notice: If they have not complied they will receive a notice telling them their benefits will stop, the date they will stop and giving them appeal rights.

3rd Notice: AHCCCS will send another notice on the 25th of each month as a 3rd warning that AHCCCS Care members have until the end of that month to comply with the renewal process.

Renewal dates can be found on www.myahcccs.com. On July 1, 2011 www.myahcccs.com will include the member's renewal date. AHCCCS registered providers can obtain an AHCCCS Care member's renewal date through the provider portal on the AHCCCS website effective July 1, 2011.

What appeal rights will AHCCCS Care members have?

If AHCCCS Care members lose their eligibility and they believe their eligibility was not determined correctly, they can ask for a hearing and request that their eligibility be continued until the final decision is made.

Alternative resources

See: <http://www.azahcccs.gov/community> for ideas about helping people who are not eligible for AHCCCS Care or other AHCCCS programs.