

AHCCCS
Tribal Consultation Meeting

August 19, 2013
AHCCCS Administrative Offices, 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ

SUMMARY

NOTIFICATION TO TRIBES:

Hello,

Please mark your calendars to attend a Special Tribal Consultation meeting on **September 19, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Phoenix time)**, to discuss the 1115 Waiver and various State Plan Amendments (SPAs). The meeting will be held at the **AHCCCS Administrative Offices, 3rd Floor Gold Conference Room, 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85034**. A conference bridge has been arranged for those who are not able to attend in-person. **Please call, (602) 417-5700, Meeting ID: 5363**

A meeting agenda will be forthcoming. We look forward to your participation in this important meeting.

Respectfully,

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MEETING ATTENDEES:

Tribes Represented	<u>Colorado River Indian Tribes:</u> Sylvia Homer, <u>Gila River Indian Community:</u> Priscilla Foote, Ginger Fligger <u>Navajo Nation:</u> Cherie Espinosa, Celena McCray, Patsy XXX, G.C. Curley, Dwight Witherspoon, Gen Holona, Roselyn Begay, Joshua Butler, Donovan Carr, Rex Lee Jim, Krista Thompson, Jonathan Hale, <u>Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community:</u> Jon Godfrey <u>Tohono O'odham Nation:</u> Joni Jim, Jennie Becenti, Sandra Sixkiller, Angela Riggs <u>White Mountain Apache Tribe:</u> Charlene Hamilton
Tribal Health Organizations	<u>Fort Defiance Indian Health Board:</u> Roy Dempsey, Peterson Zah, Terrilyn Nez-Chee <u>Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation:</u> Violet Skinner, Brandy Tomhave <u>Winslow Indian Health Care Center:</u> Alutha Yellowhair, Sally Pete, Randall Cribbs, Melinda White, Robert Salibye, Frank Armao, Amelia Wilcox, Brenda Thompson
I/T/Us	<u>Phoenix Area Indian Health Services:</u> Keith Longie, Marie Russell

	<u>Navajo Area Indian Health Services:</u> Douglas Peter <u>Tucson Area Indian Health Services:</u> George Bearpaw, Peter Zeigler
State Agencies	Arizona Council on Indian Health Services: Amanda Barrera
Other	<u>Utah Navajo Health System:</u> Donna Singer, Wilfred Jones <u>Arizona State Senator:</u> Caryle Begay <u>CPSA:</u> Julia Chavez <u>Consultant:</u> Mike Bielecki
AHCCCS Representatives	Thomas Betlach, Bonnie Talakte, Rebecca Fields, Monica Coury, Michal Rudnick, Beth Lazare, Elizabeth Carpio

AGENDA

AHCCCS TRIBAL CONSULTATION AND IHS AREA DIRECTORS MEETING

**With Tribal Leaders, Tribes, Indian Health Services,
Tribal Health Programs Operated Under P.L. 93-638 and
Urban Indian Health Programs**

Date: September 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (Phoenix Time)

**Location: AHCCCS Administration
701 E. Jefferson Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85034
Gold Conference Room – 3rd Floor**

Conference Call-In: (602) 417-5700, Participant Passcode: 5363



Time	Topic	Presenter
9:00 – 9:10 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions	<i>Thomas Betlach,</i> AHCCCS Director
	Opening Prayer	<i>Amanda Barrera,</i> Executive Director Advisory Council on Indian Affairs ACOIHC
9:10 – 9:45 a.m.	1. 1115 Waiver Update 2. Health-e-Arizona Plus Update 3. Community Outreach	<i>Monica Coury,</i> Assistant Director Office of Intergovernmental Affairs AHCCCS
9:45 – 10:00 a.m.	AHCCCS Update	<i>Thomas Betlach</i>
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	State Plan Amendments (SPAs) 1. ADHS Licensure Changes 2. Well Exams 3. Rates 4. Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) 5. Cost Sharing	<i>Monica Coury</i>
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Tucson Area Health Service Update	<i>George Bearpaw,</i> Acting Area Director
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Navajo Nation Indian Health Service Update	<i>John Hubbard,</i> Area Director
11:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Update	<i>Dorothy Dupree,</i> Area Director
11:15 - 11:30 a.m.	Wrap-Up/Announcements/Adjourn	<i>Thomas Betlach</i>

MEETING SUMMARY

Topics:	Presenters:
Welcome and Introductions	AHCCCS Director Thomas Betlach provided the AHCCCS welcome and requested all participants were asked to introduce themselves.
1. 1115 Waiver Update 2. Health-e-Arizona Plus Update 3. Community Outreach	<p>1. 1115 Waiver Update: Monica Coury presented the IHS and 638 Uncompensated Care Waiver Proposal. The document provides a summary of the supplemental payments made to-date to IHS and 638 health facilities.</p> <p>As of September 2013, a total of 118.3 million has been paid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 107.9 million (91%) for coverage • 10.3 million (9%) for benefits • Of the benefit amount, Wellness Exams represented about 14% of the overall spend. <p>The AHCCCS proposal includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coverage to Childless Adults Restored. As a result of the Governor's leadership, coverage for Prop 204 was restored and the state expanded coverage up to 133% of the federal poverty limit. • Challenges to Governor's Plan. 36 legislators have sued the Governor and the AHCCCS Director with regards to the constitutionality of the Hospital Assessment that was included in the Medicaid Restoration legislation. This assessment is the funding source for childless adult restoration. • Contingency Planning. AHCCCS proposes that an 1115 waiver be submitted that would continue uncompensated care funding only as a contingency if coverage were to be suspended as a result of legal action and the state was not able to move forward with restoring and expanding Medicaid coverage for adults. Only Option 2 payments would be continued. • Benefits Waiver Funding. AHCCCS proposes that an 1115 waiver be submitted that would provide a PMPM (Option 2) to each facility that represents the portion of funding associated with the benefits that were eliminated previously. Currently this PMPM is \$16.22. This would be reduced by \$2.23, the amount attributable to wellness exams which have been restored. This new total of \$13.99 would be multiplied by the number of American Indian adults enrolled with AHCCCS. AHCCCS proposes the enrollment number be updated quarterly. The payments would continue to be monthly. • The PMPM would be updated annually based on the AIR inflation factor. • There would be no option 1 available since it is too administratively burdensome. • The allocation would be based on State Fiscal Year 2012

	<p>billings for adults and would exclude behavioral health clinics and transportation providers. It would only be paid to hospitals and clinics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On October 1, 2014 the PMPM amount will be reduced by an additional \$4.83 to reflect the fact that the 25 day IP limit will be eliminated going forward. <p>2 & 3. Health-e-Arizona Plus Update and Community Outreach Monica Coury presented a PowerPoint that provided an overview of the Arizona Medicaid Moving Forward Plan. The PowerPoint covered the journey to Medicaid Restoration, the Transition Plan, the Health-e-Arizona Plus system, the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM) and issues facing American Indians in Arizona. Monica also announced that the Office of Intergovernmental Relations has scheduled Tribal and Community Forums throughout the state to provide information on how the agency will implement the Restoration Plan and upcoming changes to AHCCCS. She indicated the Forums provide an opportunity for the public to give input and ask questions.</p>
AHCCCS Update	<p>AHCCCS Director Betlach spoke briefly about the 1115 Waiver and responded to questions regarding the Waiver and budget.</p>
<p>State Plan Amendments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ADHS Licensure Changes Well Exams Rates Recovery Audit Contractors Cost Sharing 	<p>Monica Coury provided a summary of the following State Plan Amendments (SPAs):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ADHS Licensure Changes - Laws 2011, Ch. 96, § 1 required ADHS to adopt rules regarding health care institutions that reduce monetary or regulatory costs on persons or individuals and facilitate licensing of "integrated health programs that provide both behavioral and physical health services." In response, the Department revised the rules in Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 9, Chapter 10 and Chapter 20. <p>The ADHS website provides a very detailed overview of the changes: http://www.azdhs.gov/als/integrated/documents/behavioral-health-101.pdf</p> <p>AHCCCS must simply make corresponding changes to its State Plan to come into compliance with the new ADHS changes. For instance, as required by Law 2011, Chapter 96 (HB 2634), ADHS is making changes to its licensing rules that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Clarify the difference between Behavioral Care and Behavioral Health Services -Describe why treatment plans and assessments are important for persons receiving behavioral health services -Provide the role and requirements of professionals and Para-professionals in behavioral health services <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Well Exams – AHCCCS will submit a SPA to restore well exams as a covered benefit for adults. Rates – AHCCCS has to submit an update to its State Plan for FFY 2013 to reflect that the agency will maintain the same rates in place currently, and increase rates for behavioral health providers.

This has no impact on the All Inclusive Rate.

4. Recovery Audit Contractors (RAC) - Adds underpayments for RACs. This SPA establishes a Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program to contract with one or more Medicaid contractors to identify underpayments for all services for which payment is made to any entity under Arizona's State Plan or approved 1115 demonstration waiver.

5. Cost Sharing – American Indians/Alaska Natives are not subject to cost sharing requirements in Medicaid. Nevertheless, the agency wants to update tribal stakeholders that copay amounts and populations subject to mandatory copayments will change in the State Plan. See Co-Payment Chart.

AHCCCS Co-Payments
Effective January 1, 2014
Revised: 9/5/13

Service	Non-Mandatory	Mandatory
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSI Cash • SSI MAO • Parent/Caretaker Relatives • YATI • SOBRA Children age 18 • KidsCare Children age 18 • State Adoption Subsidy • Adults at or below 106% FPL • Freedom to Work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults over 106% FPL • Transitional Medical Assistance • 4 Month Continuous Coverage • Transplant Option 1 and 2
Pharmacy – Preferred and non-preferred	\$4.00	\$4.00
Office Visits Outpatient Services	\$4.00	10% of cost paid by Agency (set by an average of included service codes)
Outpatient professional therapies Outpatient Services	\$4.00	10% of cost paid by Agency (set by an average of included service codes)
Non-emergency use of the ER	\$8.00	\$8.00
Non-emergency surgery Outpatient Services	\$4.00	10% of cost paid by Agency (set by an average of included service codes)
Taxis for non-emergency medical transportation	None	Up to 10% of cost paid by Agency (set by an average of included service codes)

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Tucson Area Indian Health Service Update	<p>Copayments are not charged to the following persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children under age 18 • People determined to be Seriously Mentally Ill (SMI) by the Arizona Department of Health Services • Acute care members and who are residing in nursing homes or residential facilities such as an Assisted Living Home and only when the acute care member’s medical condition would otherwise require hospitalization. The exemption from copayments for acute care members is limited to 90 days in a contract year • People who receive hospice care • American Indian members who are active or previous users of the Indian Health Service, tribal health programs operated under P.L. 93-638, or urban Indian health programs • People receiving services on a fee-for-service basis • People who are enrolled in the Arizona Long Term Care System • People who are enrolled in Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program • Individuals receiving Title IV-E Adoption Subsidy or Foster Care Assistance • Women in the Pregnant Woman category <p>Also, copayments are not charged for the following services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency services • Family Planning services and supplies • Pregnancy related health care including tobacco cessation treatment for pregnant women • Well visits <p>Acting Area Director George Bearpaw reported that Tucson Area IHS has benefited greatly from the supplemental Waiver payments. With the supplemental payments, a renovated ER was opened in Sells. The ER facility is modern, has a CT scanner and provides more services to the community. Care has improved. They are also conducting community outreach regarding the ACA and are contracting with commercial carriers.</p>						
Navajo Nation Indian Health Service Update	<p>Navajo Nation IHS Area Deputy CMO Douglas Peter indicated they are preparing to implement the ACA and have included ACA information in their new employee orientation and are conducting mandatory ACA training for employees. Mr. Peters thanked AHCCCS Director Betlach for the supplemental payments. Navajo Nation will participate in the October 23, 2013 Care Management Conference at AHCCCS.</p>						
Phoenix Area Indian Health Service Update	<p>Phoenix Area IHS Deputy CMO, Marie Russell, indicated the supplemental waiver payments accounts for 26% of the IHS revenue. Phoenix Area IHS will host an ACA celebration at the PIMC facility on September 26, 2013. FFM kiosks have been set-up at San Carlos. IHS employees are being trained on the ACA. All IHS facilities are enrolled with the VA and are receiving payments.</p>						
Questions	No questions were asked regarding the State Plan Amendments						

