

1115 Waiver Update

October 24, 2018



Prior Quarter Coverage Proposal

- Currently, Arizona covers enrollees three months prior to the month of application if the enrollee would have been eligible at any point during those months
- AHCCCS submitted a waiver on April 9, 2018, to limit retroactive coverage and encourage members to obtain and maintain health coverage, even when healthy, and to apply expeditiously
- Current draft STCs limit retroactive coverage to the month of application for all new AHCCCS members except for children under the age of 19 and women who are pregnant (including post-partum)



AHCCCS Works

- AHCCCS submitted a waiver on December 19, 2017
- CMS has approved waivers for Kentucky, Indiana, Arkansas, and New Hampshire
- Kentucky's implementation is held up in litigation pending US District Court decision
- A similar lawsuit was filed challenging Arkansas' waiver approval
- Approx. 10 other states have similar waivers in the queue
- Currently negotiating waiver approval with CMS and evaluating necessary AHCCCS operational changes



IMD Waiver Request: Focus on Substance Use Disorders

- On April 12, 2017, AHCCCS submitted a waiver requesting that Arizona be exempt from the 15 day limit on federal funding for IMD stays, both for managed care and FFS populations
- CMS indicated a path forward to exempt stays in IMDs that are related to the treatment of a substance use disorder from the 15 day limit •
- Negotiations with CMS stalled in 2018
- US Congress passed bipartisan legislation to allow states to receive federal matching funds for services provided to adult Medicaid members aged 21 to 64 with a SUD in an IMD for up to 30 days per year, via a State Plan Amendment (SPA).



Traditional Healing

- AHCCCS is seeking authority to reimburse for Traditional Healing services as covered services
- Current Status: awaiting CMS guidance on a path forward, including state plan amendment or waiver



Traditional Healing Proposal Timeline

AHCCCS Submits Waiver Renewal Application

9/30/15

Workgroup Finalizes Traditional Healing Proposal

5/27/16









12/10/15

First Traditional Healing Workgroup Meeting 6/17/16

AHCCCS Submits
Traditional Healing
Proposal to CMS



Traditional Healing Proposal Timeline

CMS indicates SPA as preferred method for covering TH services

1/18/17

AHCCCS submits Draft Traditional Healing SPA proposal for CMS review/comment

5/1/2017











Traditional Healing Workgroup reconvenes



AHCCCS awaits CMS guidance on best path forward to obtain federal approval for Traditional Healing proposal



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