Welcome to today’s Tribal Consultation Meeting!

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Thank you.
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Special Tribal Consultation Meeting: COVID-19 Update

January 12, 2021
Tribal Consultation Recap

Amanda Bahe, AHCCCS Tribal Liaison
2020 Recap

• Bi-weekly Tribal Consultation Meetings held via webinar and teleconference beginning at the onset of Arizona’s Declaration of Emergency (March 2020) through July 2020
• Monthly Tribal Consultation Meetings held August through December 2020
• Approximately 1,100 individuals attended AHCCCS Tribal Consultation meetings in 2020.
2020 Tribal Consultation Breakdown

• Total of 16 Tribal Consultations held in 2020
  o 4 Quarterly Tribal Consultations held, three of which included COVID-19 information and time for discussion
  o 12 Special/Ad hoc Tribal Consultations held
    ▪ 9 specific to COVID-19 information and tribal needs
    ▪ 1 specific to Differential Adjusted Payments (DAP)
    ▪ 1 specific to Arizona’s 1115 Waiver Request
    ▪ 1 specific to the AHCCCS Whole Person Care Initiative
2021 Calendar

- January 12, 2021: Special TC on COVID-19 PHE Updates
- **February 11, 2021: Regular Quarterly TC**
- March 24, 2021: Special TC on COVID-19 PHE Updates
- April 2021 (Date TBD): Special TC on COVID-19 PHE Updates
- **May 13, 2021: Regular Quarterly TC**

For all AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Dates and Meeting Materials, see the following link:
https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/TribalConsultation
AHCCCS Updates

Jami Snyder, AHCCCS Director
AHCCCS Enrollment: December 2019 - January 2021
Telehealth and Grants

- With an enhanced telehealth/telephonic services benefit, more members accessed care from their home. From September 2019 to September 2020, the number of AHCCCS members using telehealth services increased by 139 percent.
- With grant funding, AHCCCS and partners launched the Resilient Arizona Crisis Counseling program which has served more than 21,000 unique individuals to date.
COVID Vaccination
Learn more about coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Roll Up Your Sleeve.

Get your influenza shot.

This is your shot to protect them.

Roll Up Your Sleeve.

This is your shot to protect him.

Roll Up Your Sleeve.

Keep yourself and others healthy. Get the flu shot.

Get the facts on COVID-19
COVID-19 Information

AHCCCS is responding to an outbreak of respiratory illness, called COVID-19, caused by a novel (new) coronavirus. Health officials urge good hand washing hygiene, covering coughs, and staying home if you are sick.

On March 11, Governor Doug Ducey issued a Declaration of Emergency and an Executive Order regarding the COVID-19 outbreak in Arizona, and subsequent Executive Orders with further administrative actions.

On March 17, 2020 and March 24, 2020, AHCCCS submitted requests to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to waive certain Medicaid and KidsCare requirements in order to ensure ongoing access to care over the course of the COVID-19 outbreak. As of March 23, AHCCCS has received federal approval to implement programmatic changes to help ensure access to health care for vulnerable Arizonans.

To address Medicaid-related questions from providers and contractors about COVID-19, AHCCCS has developed a list of Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), updated regularly as more information becomes available.

As a result of flexibilities and changes made in response to the COVID-19 emergency, information presented in some FAQs will not align with various provisions set forth in the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM), the AHCCCS Contractor Operation Manual (ACOM) Policies; the AHCCCS billing requirements; and/or other AHCCCS directives. In these instances, the FAQs take precedence and are controlling.

Billing & Claims
Clinical Delivery
Flu Shot
General COVID-19 Questions
Health Plan & AHCCCS Fee-For-Service Programs Guidance
Health Plan Requirements and Deliverables
Pharmacy & Supplies
Provider Enrollment and Requirements
Rates
Telehealth Delivery and Billing
Uninsured Testing
COVID-19 Vaccine
Vaccine Administration

- Any AHCCCS-registered provider whose scope of practice includes vaccine administration may be reimbursed for COVID-19 vaccine administration
- Must be onboarding with the Arizona Department of Health Services (Provider Onboarding Form)
- Fee-for-service rates
  - $16.94/first dose
  - $28.39/second dose
- Mandated payment - 100% of rates, including mid-level practitioners
- Mandated suspension of in-network requirements for health plans
- The AHCCCS billing guidelines are posted on the azahcccs.gov website at COVID-19 Vaccine Administration Billing Guidelines.
Getting Vaccinated

• For Arizona, each county will have information on scheduling an appointment and being pre-screened to receive the vaccine.
  o **ADHS Website**
  o For Maricopa County:
Getting Vaccinated

• For IHS, please connect with your Area Office or designated facility. AHCCCS is happy to help get you connected.
  o IHS COVID-19 Vaccine Plan:
    [https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/vaccine/#:~:text=IHS%20is%20working%20with%20the,the%20COVID%2D19%20vaccine%20activities.](https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus/vaccine/#:~:text=IHS%20is%20working%20with%20the,the%20COVID%2D19%20vaccine%20activities.)
  o IHS COVID-19 Response Information:
    [https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus](https://www.ihs.gov/coronavirus)
Questions?

COVID Vaccination
Flexibilities
COVID-19 Timeline - Obtaining Flexibilities

**March 11**
Governor Doug Ducey issued a Declaration of Emergency

**March 17**
AHCCCS submitted first request to Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services to waive certain Medicaid and KidsCare requirements

**March 23**
AHCCCS received federal approval to implement programmatic changes to the 1135 waiver

**March 24**
AHCCCS submitted second request to Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services to waive additional Medicaid and KidsCare requirements

**April 1**
AHCCCS received CMS partial approval for the Medicaid Disaster Relief SPA (partial)

**April 6**
AHCCCS received CMS approval for the 1115 Appendix K

**April 9**
AHCCCS received CMS approval for the remainder of Medicaid Disaster Relief SPA requests

**April 17**
AHCCCS submitted further requests to Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services to waive certain Medicaid and KidsCare requirements
AHCCCS requested expenditure authority to pay for dental services that were previously approved but postponed due to COVID-19 after a member turns 21

**April 24**
AHCCCS received CMS approval for the CHIP Disaster Relief SPA submitted 4/17

**May 6**
AHCCCS received CMS approval for the 1135 waiver submitted 4/17

**May 13**
AHCCCS submitted an additional SPA requesting that CMS waive certain Medicaid requirements.

**May 32**
AHCCCS received CMS approval for the Medicaid Disaster relief SPA submitted May 13.

**June 11**
AHCCCS submitted an additional SPA requesting that CMS waive certain Medicaid requirements.

**August 4**
AHCCCS received approval for the disaster SPA that was submitted on June 11.

**August 31**
AHCCCS received final approvals to make directed payments to NF, ALF and HCBS providers.

**July 8**
CMS approved 1135 waiver flexibility to allow AHCCCS to provide services in settings that have not been determined to meet HCBS criteria.
Current Timeline

Maintenance of Effort and Enhanced FMAP

March 12
Appendix K Flexibilities expire *

April 30
Continuous enrollment requirement ends

June 30
6.2% FMAP ends. Other FFCRA requirements end.

January 21
HHS PHE Renewed
- 1135 authority
- Medicaid disaster SPA
- CHIP Disaster SPA

April 20**
PHE will end
- 1135 authority ends
- Medicaid disaster SPA ends
- CHIP Disaster SPA ends

Unwinding of COVID 19 Flexibilities

* Based on new CMS guidance, AHCCCS is currently evaluating the need to extend all or some of the current Appendix K flexibilities.

**This timeframe assumes the PHE is extended 90 days.
Current Unwinding Work: Eligibility

• AHCCCS has resumed some eligibility activities
  o NO MEMBER WILL BE DISENROLLED during the PHE (except for death, voluntary withdrawal, KC age out, residency change)
  o Started the process of completing response required renewals
  o Members may be moved to different eligibility groups within the same tier of coverage if their circumstances change, but no member will lose coverage
  o Since October, the standard renewal process has resumed, however until the end of PHE, nobody will be discontinued based on the MOE

• We have a method for identifying the individuals whose eligibility was continued during PHE, and we will rerun eligibility based on updated information
Future Unwinding Communication

• Requests submitted to CMS on the flexibilities that were identified as needing to become permanent, regardless of the PHE
• Will be in constant communication with stakeholders when the PHE ends to ensure a smooth transition
Open Discussion
Thank You.
Announcements
AHCCCS on the Road (Virtually!)

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is hosting online forums to inform the community and gather feedback on the upcoming AHCCCS initiatives:

- The Future of Regional Behavioral Health Agreements (RBHA)
- Competitive Contract Expansion
- Whole Person Care Initiative
- Waiver
- AHCCCS COVID 19 Response

January 26, 2021
10:00 am - 11:30 am
Location: Webinar

Register in advance for this webinar:
https://ahcccs.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RWFXYiUZTgOqmNc6DVf74w

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
Next AHCCCS Tribal Consultation:

February 11, 2021 at 1 pm

Please check AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Webpage for meeting information.

*Please send any agenda recommendations to Amanda.Bahe@azahcccs.gov by January 25, 2021.
Thank You.

Have a great day!