Welcome to today’s Tribal Consultation Meeting!

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Please use the chat feature for questions or raise your hand.

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

June 16, 2021
AHCCCS Updates

Jami Snyder, AHCCCS Director
Legislative Session Update
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• Record-breaking 1,708 bills were introduced this year (compared to 1,607 last year)
• 100th day of session deadline was 4/24/21
• Notable bills which have been signed into law include:
  – Creation of LHAs
  – GME program for community health centers
  – Bill requiring licensure of nursing-supported group homes
  – Expanding BH services at private offices or clinics
  – Establishing a maternal mental health advisory committee
  – Telehealth Regulation
Legislative Session Update

- AHCCCS granted $3B in federal expenditure authority
- Budget bills currently being negotiated and debated
HEAplus Transition Update
HEAplus Maintenance and Operation Transition

- HEAplus is an online eligibility determination system that supports both AHCCCS and DES programs - primarily Medicaid, Medicare Savings Program, ALTCS, SNAP and TANF
- Transitioning to a new vendor (not a new system) - incumbent vendor is Alluma; new vendor is Accenture

2020
- October 1: Start date of Accenture’s contract for M&O
- February 1: HealthTech Solutions - consultant brought on to help facilitate a successful transition period between the two vendors

2021
- June 30: Full transition expected to be complete by
HEAplus Transition Summary

- 200+ KT sessions conducted
- 200+ KT recordings produced
- Gathered over 850 KT documents
- 940+ Q&A documents filled all KT areas
- ORT environment built and ORT execution completed
- Software, Tools, & Licenses procured and configured
- Transition contract deliverables submitted
Unwinding from the PHE
# PHE Timeline as of April 21, 2021

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Check-In:
2021 Priorities

- Continued roll out of Electronic Visit Verification
- Transfer of HEAplus maintenance and operations to Accenture - 7/1/21
- Implementation of closed-loop referral system - fall 2021
- Implementation of housing administrator contract - 10/1/21
- Release of RFP and award of competitive contract expansion contracts - fall 2021
- Renewal of 1115 waiver - 10/1/21
  - Amendment submitted for H20 - 5/26/2021
Open Discussion
Other AHCCCS Updates
(not COVID-Specific)
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Section 9817
10% HCBS FMAP Enhancement

Alex Demyan and Jakenna Lebsock
Topics

1. Overview of ARPA
2. Overview of the State Medicaid Director Letter Guidance for the Home and Community Based Services Section
3. Spending Plan Submission
4. Services Eligible
5. Eligible Improvement Activities
6. Open Discussion
Definitions and Acronyms

**AHCCCS**: Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (Arizona’s Medicaid)

**ARPA**: American Rescue Plan Act

**CMCS**: Center for Medicare, Medicaid and Chip Services

**FMAP**: Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (commonly known as federal match)

### American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

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American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Section 9817

- HCBS provision offers temporary 10 percentage point bump for certain HCBS services
- **State Medicaid Director Letter** from CMCS issued May 13, 2021 detailing:
  - Services eligible for the enhancement and how to claim the enhancement
  - How to demonstrate compliance with the ARPA’s non-supplantation language via a maintenance of effort on eligibility, covered services, and provider rates in effect as of April 1, 2021
  - Examples of activities that enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS
  - Requirements to supplement, not supplant, and
  - Mandates that states to submit both an initial and quarterly HCBS spending plan and narrative on the state’s planned HCBS activities; initial submission must occur within 30 days of release of this guidance (by 6/12/21)
Services Eligible to Claim 10% FMAP Increase

- Home Health Care
- Personal Care Services
- Self-Directed Personal Care Services
- Case Management
- School Based Services

- Rehabilitative Services (including mental health and substance use disorder services)
- Private Duty Nursing
- Alternative Benefit Plans
AHCCCS Enrollment by Program  
(as of May 1, 2021) 

Total Enrollment 2,217,132
CMS expects that states will:
● Not impose stricter eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for HCBS programs and services than were in place on April 1, 2021;
● Preserve covered HCBS, including the services themselves and the amount, duration, and scope of those services, in effect as of April 1, 2021; and
● Maintain HCBS provider payments at a rate no less than those in place as of April 1, 2021.
Spending Plan

• CMS is requiring states to submit both an initial and quarterly HCBS spending plans and narratives to CMS on the activities that the state has and plans implement.

• States must submit the initial HCBS spending plan and narrative within 30 days of the release of SMDL #21-003.
  o NEW: Due July 12, 2021.

• Spending plans are subject to CMS approval, and will be made public.

• There is opportunity to amend the initial spending plan through subsequent quarterly reports.
Eligible HCBS Improvement Activities

- New and/or Additional HCBS
- Payment Rates
- Specialized Payments
- Workforce Recruitment & Training
- Supports for Family Caregivers
- One-Time Community Transition Costs
- Addressing Social Determinants of Health and Health Disparities
- Expanding Capacity
- Assistive Technology and Other Supports for Persons with Disabilities
- Strengthening Assessment and Person-Centered Planning Practices
- Quality Improvement Activities
- Developing Cross System Partnerships
- Training and Respite
- Improving Eligibility Systems
- Expanding Use of Technology and Telehealth
- Providing Access to Additional Equipment or Devices
Time the State Can Spend the Savings Accrued From the 10% FMAP Increase

- April 1, 2021: Time the state can save the 10% FMAP increase
- May 13 - July 12 2021*: Amount of time the state has to submit the initial spending plan
- March 31, 2022: Previous deadline
- March 31, 2024: New deadline

*Due to a recent extension request approval, AHCCCS now has 60 days to submit our initial spending plan.
Important Factors

- The funding is short-term and must be spent by March 31, 2024 (3 years).
- These efforts cannot negatively impact our current HCBS. It can only add programs, services and activities.
- If there is a new program/activity/service funded, it must be completed by March 2024 or have a plan to fund it in another way after March 2024.
For Discussion

What do you think we should focus efforts on?

Context for feedback:

• Details of the suggestion
• Sustainability after enhanced funding concludes
• Ease of implementation
• Impact on our members
Open Discussion
Division of Member and Provider Services (DMPS)
AHCCCS Provider Enrollment Portal

Patricia Santa Cruz, Provider Enrollment Administrator
Beginning August 1, 2021, a provider requesting an update to their file will be expected to submit the change online in APEP through the re-registration or modification process.

- Paper requests will be sent back with instructions on how to submit the change request in APEP.
- Non-Emergency Transportation & Attendant Care providers will continue to submit any updates through the paper process.
- Exceptions will be granted in the event the change cannot be made through APEP.
Provider Enrollment

- APEP Instructional Tutorials available on website.
- APEP Training registration available on website.

https://azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/APEP/APEPTraining/Videos.html
Open Discussion

Provider Assistance (602)417-7670 option 5
APEPTrainingQuestions@azahcccs.gov
Announcements
Next AHCCCS Tribal Consultation:

July 13, 2021 at 10 am

Please check AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Webpage for meeting information.

*Please send any agenda recommendations to Amanda.Bahe@azahcccs.gov by June 28, 2021.
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

June 21, 2021
10:00 am - 12:00 pm MST
Location: Webinar
Registration Link: TBA

See the following webpage for all Community Forum updates:
https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/PublicNotices/CommunityPresentations.html
2021 Tribal Consultation Calendar

• **July 13, 2021: Special TC on COVID-19 PHE Updates**
  o Agenda Item Request Deadline: June 28, 2021

• **August 12, 2021: Regular Quarterly TC**
  o Agenda Item Request Deadline: July 23, 2021

• **November 4, 2021: Regular Quarterly TC**
  o Agenda Item Request Deadline: October 18, 2021

For all AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Dates and Meeting Materials, see the following link: [https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/TribalConsultation](https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/TribalConsultation)
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Other Resources - Quick Links

• AHCCCS Waiver
• AHCCCS State Plan
• AHCCCS Grants
• AHCCCS Whole Person Care Initiative (WPCI)
• AHCCCS Office of Human Rights
• AHCCCS Office of Individual and Family Affairs
• Future RBHA Competitive Contract Expansion
Thank You.

Have a great day!