Prior Quarter Coverage Waiver Amendment Proposal
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- 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 proposes limiting retroactive coverage to the month of application, consistent with pre-ACA policy.
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Objectives

• This proposal to waive Prior Quarter Coverage promotes the objectives of the Medicaid program by
  o Aligning Medicaid policies with commercial health insurance coverage;
  o Creating efficiencies that ensure Medicaid’s sustainability for members over the long term;
  o Encouraging members to obtain and maintain health coverage, even when healthy; and
  o Encouraging members to apply for Medicaid expeditiously when they believe they meet the criteria for eligibility.

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The Proposed Retroactive Coverage Example

• On January 1, 2018, Mary receives a routine checkup for her medical condition from a primary care physician (PCP).

• On January 31, 2018, Mary applies for AHCCCS and informs the Agency that she has unpaid medical bills from her PCP visit in January.

• If Mary qualifies for AHCCCS coverage in January, then her AHCCCS eligibility is retroactive to the first day of the month of application—i.e. January 1, 2018.

• If Mary’s unpaid medical expenses in January qualify as AHCCCS covered services, then AHCCCS will reimburse Mary’s provider for those services.
### Prior Quarter Coverage Historical Expenditures

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*Includes expenditures from July 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017*
Waiver Amendment Webpage

• More information about proposed waiver amendment, including proposed waiver applications, public notices, and information about the public comment process, can be found on the AHCCCS website at:

• https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Federal/PendingWaivers/priorquartercoveragewaiveramendment.html
Public Comments

• Comments and questions about the proposed Demonstration application can also be submitted by e-mail to: PublicInput@azahcccs.gov

• Or by mail to: AHCCCS c/o Office of Intergovernmental Relations; 801 E. Jefferson Street, MD 4200, Phoenix, AZ 85034.

• All comments must be received by **February 25, 2018.**
Questions and Comments?

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Thank You.

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