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Q1: When will AHCCCS begin its Reentry Demonstration Initiative?

A1: This date is to be determined. On December 27, [the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services \(CMS\) approved](#) AHCCCS' request to cover reentry health care services for eligible incarcerated individuals. The Agency's next step is to develop an implementation plan detailing how the state will operationalize coverage and provision of pre-release services. Following the development of this implementation plan, AHCCCS will need to receive state legislative authority to cover the new benefit. Once AHCCCS receives legislative approval, the agency will establish a timeline for implementation and notify the public of the effective date.

Q2: Who can provide AHCCCS-reimbursable reentry health care services?

A2: Upon the effective date of the benefit (following legislative approval), AHCCCS will begin coordinating health care services for eligible incarcerated individuals who have an expected release date within 90 days. These services will be provided by AHCCCS-registered community providers. AHCCCS will be coordinating with correctional facilities to ensure providers meet the policies and procedures required to provide services in each facility.

Q3: Who is eligible to receive reentry health care services?

A3: Individuals who are inmates residing in qualified correctional facilities (i.e., prison, jail, youth correctional facility, or tribal correctional facilities) must be determined eligible for Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) based on an application filed before or during incarceration, and have an expected release date within 90 days.

Q4: What reentry services will be covered in the pre-release benefit package?

A4: The pre-release benefit package is designed to improve care transitions of eligible individuals back to the community, such as promoting continuity of coverage and quality of care, as well as the proactive identification of both physical and behavioral health needs, and health-related social needs (HRSNs). CMS has authorized the following services:

- Case management to assess and address physical and behavioral health needs and health-related social needs;
- Medication-assisted treatment for all types of substance use disorders (SUDs), including coverage for medications in combination with counseling/behavioral therapies;

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- A 30-day supply of all prescription medications provided to the individual immediately upon release from the correctional facility, consistent with approved Medicaid and CHIP state plan coverage authority and policy;
- Practitioner office visit (e.g., physical exam; wellness exam; evaluation and management visit; mental health or substance use disorder treatment, therapy, or counseling; or other);
- Peer support services.

Q5: Will all correctional facilities be able to provide reimbursable services when the Reentry Demonstration goes live?

A5: No, AHCCCS will be required to assess and approve the readiness of each facility before members in that facility will be eligible to receive Reentry Services included in the Waiver demonstration. AHCCCS will begin these services with the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) before assessing readiness at other jails, youth correctional facilities, or tribal correctional facilities.

Q6: Where can I send questions regarding the Reentry and other 1115 Demonstration Waivers?

A6: Additional questions in regard to Reentry and other [1115 Demonstration Waivers](#) can be sent to waiverpublicinput@azahcccs.gov.