



Waiver Update

July 27, 2017

- Institutions for Mental Diseases
- SB 1092
- New Flexibilities

Institutions for Mental Diseases

- Submitted waiver request in April to seek exemption from 15 day limit on services received in IMDs for adults 21-64
 - IMD = institution with > 16 beds established and maintained primarily for care/treatment of individuals with mental diseases
- Working with CMS on an exemption for treatment of SUDs in IMDs.

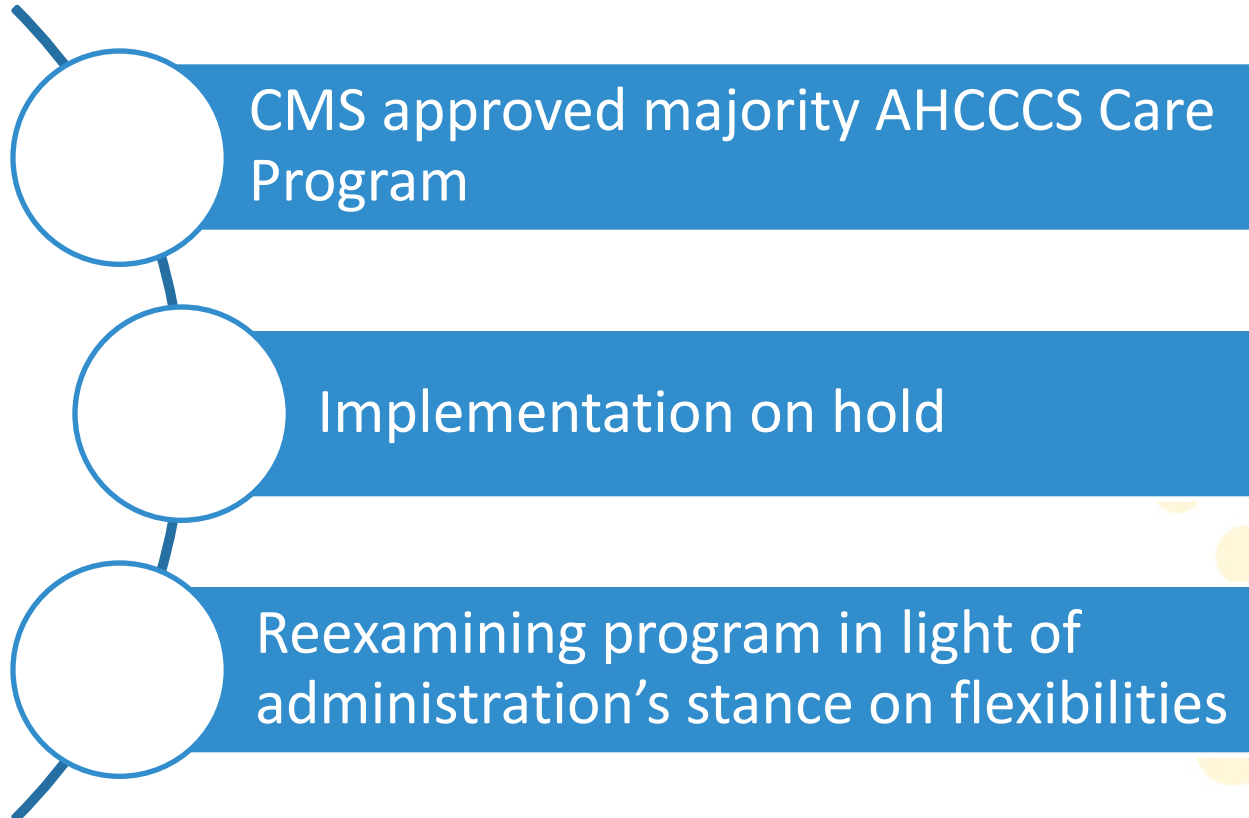
Secretary Tom Price & Administrator Seema Verma's Letter to Governors

"We commit to ushering in a new era for the federal and state Medicaid partnership where states have more freedom to design programs that meet the spectrum of diverse needs of their Medicaid population."

Examples of Flexibilities

- Work requirements
- Reasonable premiums & copayments
- Waivers of certain NEMT requirements
- FQHC payment modernization
- Allow more frequent eligibility redeterminations
- Streamline waiver and state plan process
- Section 1115 path to permanency

AHCCCS CARE



SB 1092: Requirements

- SB 1092 requires AHCCCS to request a waiver amendment from CMS by March 30 of each year that would add to the program:
 - Work requirements for able bodied adults
 - 5-year lifetime limit on benefits
- SB 1092 lists some exemptions for each

Work Requirement

Members who are able-bodied (“physically and mentally capable of working”) and at least 19 years old must meet one of the following criteria to qualify for AHCCCS:

- ▶ Be employed
- ▶ Actively seek employment, which would be verified by AHCCCS
- ▶ Attend school or a job training program, or both, at least 20 hours per week

Exemptions to Work Requirement

Full-time high school student (19 or older)

Sole caregiver of family member under 6

Exemptions

Receiving disability benefits from private insurer or government

Physically or mentally unfit for employment acc'd to a health care professional

5 Year Lifetime Limit

- Applies to able bodied adults
- Does not include time during which person is
 - Pregnant
 - Sole caregiver of family member under 6
 - Receiving long-term disability benefits
 - High school full time
 - Employed full time
 - Enrolled before age 19
 - Former foster child under 26 years of age

Verification Requirements

- Requires AHCCCS members to verify compliance with work requirements monthly
- One year ban from program for making false statements regarding compliance with work requirements or knowingly failing to report change in income

Public Input: Work Requirement

Able-bodied* members who are at least 19 years old must verify compliance every 6 months with one of the following (or a combination) for at least 20 hours/week:

- ❖ Employment
- ❖ Attending school
- ❖ Attending a job training program

*Able-bodied = physically and mentally capable of working

Public Input: Exemptions

- At least 55 years old
- American Indians
- Pregnant women and post-partum for 90 days
- Former foster youths up to age 26
- Individuals with SMI, cancer (not in remission), terminal illness, or currently in inpatient or residential setting
- Full-time high school students who are older than 18
- Victims of domestic violence
- Designated caregiver of a family member who is disabled or under 13 years of age

SB 1092: Current Process

Considering 500+ public comments and input from tribal stakeholders with Governor's office

Analyzing potential flexibilities in light of new Administration and likelihood of approval

Monitoring developments at federal level

SB 1092: Future Process

Consult with tribal stakeholders on any updated language

Likely will submit a waiver sometime this fall

Questions?

Thank you!

