

PROFILE OF AHCCCS WAIVER POPULATION

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) provides coverage of two populations whose Medicaid eligibility is solely dependent upon Arizona's Section 1115 Waiver: (1) childless adults and (2) Medical Expense Deduction members (MED, Arizona's spend down program). These populations are referred to as the Waiver Group. The five year Waiver expires September 30, 2011.

Recently, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius confirmed that the State could change eligibility for the Waiver Group (childless adults and MED) as part of the State's Waiver renewal without violating maintenance of effort requirements under the Affordable Care Act.

Below is a profile of the Waiver Group. Additional details, including descriptions of the populations and the methodology used for data collection can be found on the AHCCCS website.

Demographics (as of 1/1/10):

Young Adults- 19-20 year olds: 24,843
 Adults- 21 and older: 179,422
 Male: 113,842
 Female: 91,170

Disease Category¹	Examples	Patient #s	Medicaid costs
Injuries including Trauma	Fractures, head trauma, burns	65,095	\$163,104,199
Heart and Circulatory	Heart attacks, heart dysrhythmia, high blood pressure, stroke	53,087	\$147,430,181
Musculoskeletal System	Joints, back, spine disorders incl osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis	89,787	\$111,944,538
Digestive System Diseases	Acute appendicitis, gall bladder, pancreas, and liver diseases	52,921	\$112,484,434
Respiratory Diseases	Asthma, emphysema (COPD), pneumonia, respiratory infections	73,047	\$85,273,598
Cancers	Breast, colon, lung, prostate, cervical and other cancers	18,766	\$76,430,262
Genitourinary System Issues	Kidney stones, urethra and urinary tract disorders, kidney infections, endometriosis	50,894	\$47,359,369
Diabetes and Kidney Disease	Acute and chronic kidney failure related costs	28,981	\$49,029,611
Nervous System and Senses	Cerebral palsy, epilepsy, seizures, Alzheimer's disease	55,483	\$44,831,488
Infectious and Parasitic Disease	Septicemia (infection in the blood), hepatitis, HIV, pulmonary tuberculosis, coccidioidomycosis	28,522	\$49,331,792
Skin and Subcutaneous Tissue	Cellulitis and abscess, chronic skin ulcers, psoriasis	35,105	\$33,661,975
Pregnancy/Newborn Related	Normal pregnancy and newborn care and complications	6,887	\$14,214,315
Other Physical Disorders	Physical disorders not classified above such as examination related to preventative health and treatment for conditions such as respiratory symptoms or abdominal symptoms	181,812	\$218,445,682
Behavioral Health	Cognitive disability, schizophrenic disorders, depression, mood disorders	73,026	\$211,208,850

¹ For dates of service between 1/1/09 – 12/31/09