

**AHCCCS NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
INTENT TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA)**

Name of the Agency: Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

The topic of the public information notice: Inform the public of AHCCCS's intent to submit a State Plan Amendment.

SPA Title: Medicaid Children's Continuous Eligibility

SPA Overview: This SPA attests to the State's compliance with federal requirements under section 5512 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (CAA 2023) to provide 12 months of continuous eligibility for children in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) on or before January 1, 2024.

Tribal Consultation:

AHCCCS is consulting with Tribes regarding this SPA on 12/18/2023.

State Plan Amendment and Public Comment Period

The proposed SPA is located on the next page of this document.

Public notice was posted on 12/11/2023.

Comments will be accepted through 1/25/2024.

Comments can be submitted through email or postal mail. The addresses where comments may be sent are provided below.

- Email:
publicinput@azahcccs.gov
- Postal Mail:
AHCCCS
Attn: Division of Community Advocacy and Intergovernmental Relations
801 E. Jefferson St., MD 4200
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

Continuous Eligibility for Children

The state provides continuous eligibility for children in accordance with the following provisions:

A. Mandatory Continuous Eligibility for Hospitalized Children

The state provides Medicaid to a child eligible for and enrolled under the Infants and Children under Age 19 (42 CFR 435.118) eligibility group until the end of an inpatient stay for which inpatient services are covered, if the child:

1. Was receiving inpatient services covered by Medicaid on the date the child becomes ineligible under the eligibility group based on the child's age; and
2. Would remain eligible but for attaining such age.

B. Options for Continuous Eligibility for Children

The state provides continuous eligibility to children.

- Yes
 No

1. Continuous eligibility is provided to all children of the following age:

- a. Under age 19
 b. Under other age

2. The continuous eligibility period begins on the effective date of the child's most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility, and ends the last day of the earlier of the following periods:

- a. The month that the child's age exceeds the age limit to which this provision applies
- b. The end of the continuous eligibility period, which is:
 - i. 12 months
 - ii. Another period of continuous eligibility, not to exceed 12 months

3. Continuous eligibility is provided to children eligible under all mandatory and optional eligibility groups (excluding Medically Needy) who would otherwise lose eligibility because of any change in circumstances, unless:

- a. The child dies;
- b. The child or the child's representative voluntarily requests a termination of the child's eligibility;
- c. The child ceases to be a resident of the state;
- d. The Medicaid agency determines that eligibility was determined incorrectly at the most recent determination or redetermination of eligibility because of agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to the child or the child's representative; or
- e. The child attains the maximum age specified in B.

C. Additional Information (optional)

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