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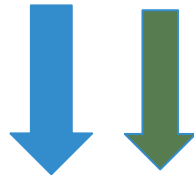


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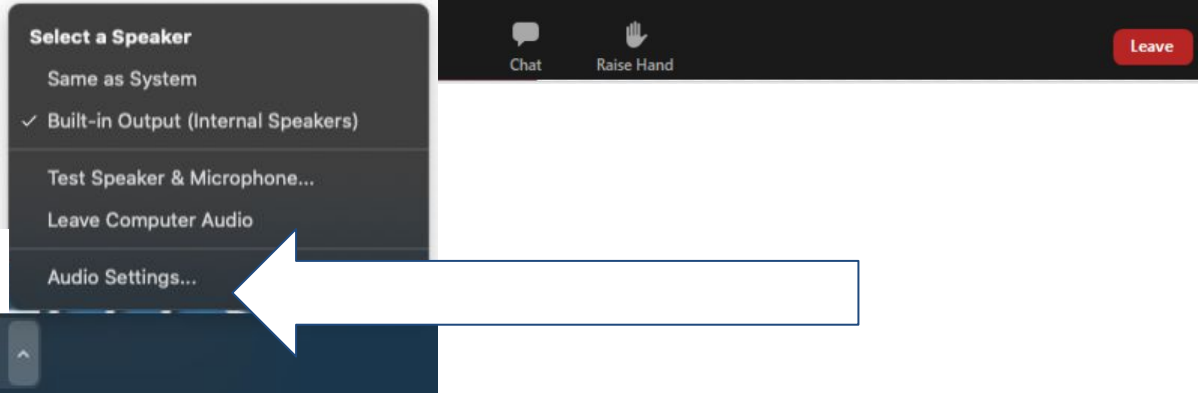
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Special Tribal Consultation Meeting: COVID-19 and General AHCCCS Update

June 16, 2021

COVID-19 Public Health Emergency-Specific Information

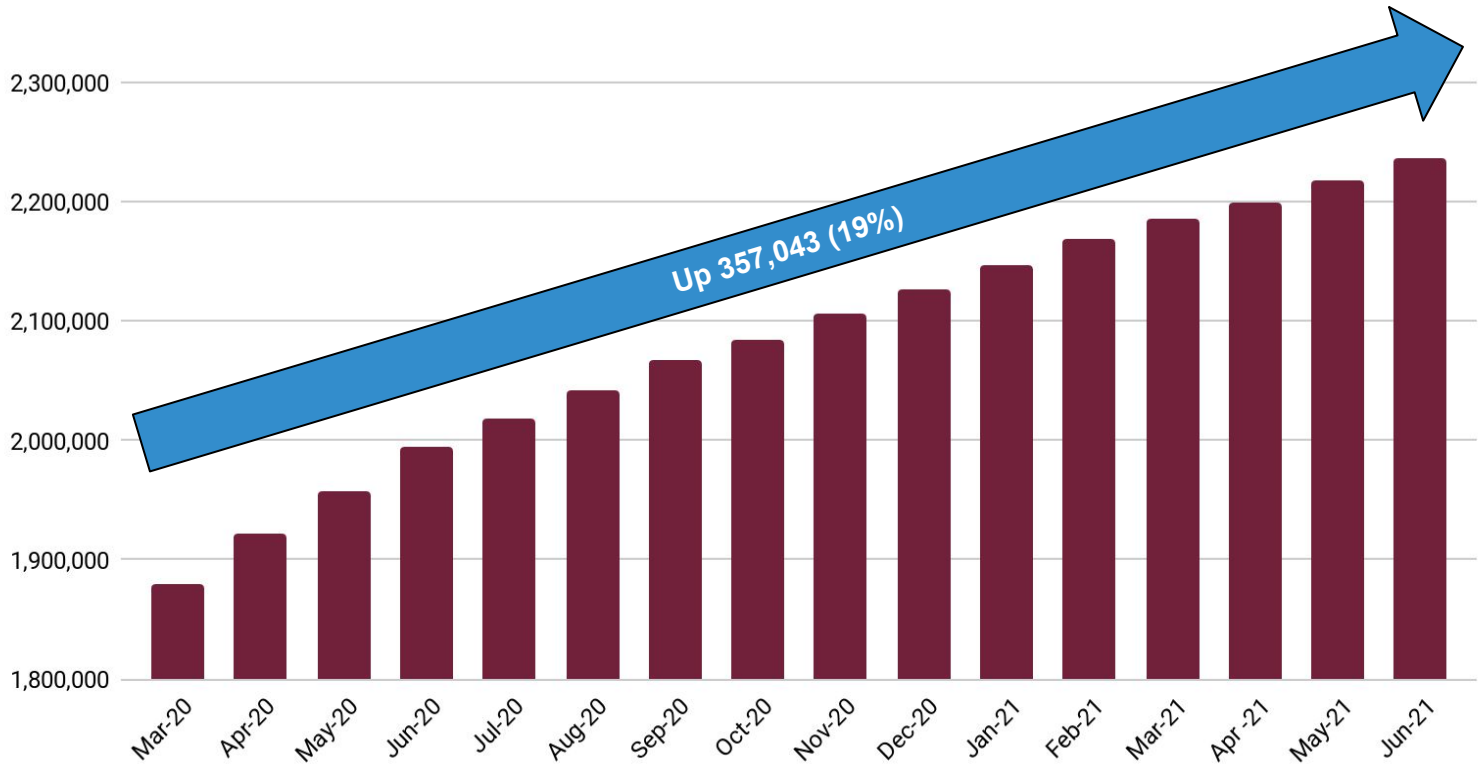


AHCCCS Updates

Jami Snyder, AHCCCS Director



AHCCCS Enrollment: March 2020- June 2021





Legislative Session Update

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- Record-breaking 1,708 bills were introduced this year (compared to 1,607 last year)
- 100th day of session deadline was 4/24/21
- Notable bills which have been signed into law include:
 - Creation of LHAs
 - GME program for community health centers
 - Bill requiring licensure of nursing-supported group homes
 - Expanding BH services at private offices or clinics
 - Establishing a maternal mental health advisory committee
 - Telehealth Regulation



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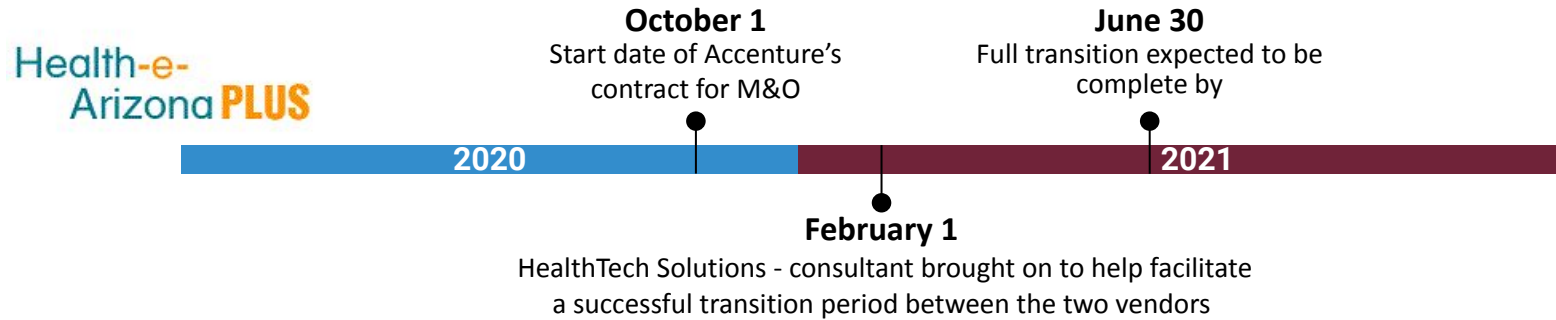
- AHCCCS granted \$3B in federal expenditure authority
- Budget bills currently being negotiated and debated



HEAplus Transition Update

HEAplus Maintenance and Operation Transition

- HEAplus is an online eligibility determination system that supports both AHCCCS and DES programs - primarily Medicaid, Medicare Savings Program , ALTCS, SNAP and TANF
- Transitioning to a new vendor (not a new system) - incumbent vendor is Alluma; new vendor is Accenture



HEAplus Transition Summary



200+ KT sessions conducted



200+ KT recordings produced



Gathered over 850 KT documents



940+ Q&A documents filled all KT areas



ORT environment built and ORT execution completed



Software, Tools, & Licenses procured and configured

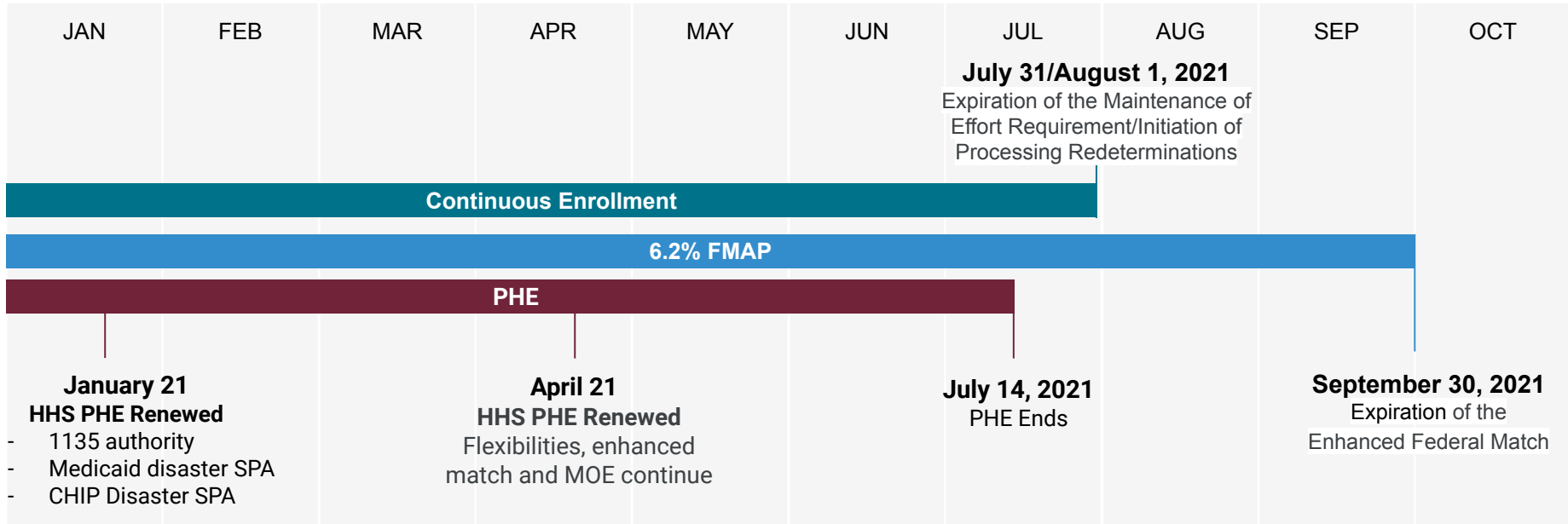


Transition contract deliverables submitted



Unwinding from the PHE

PHE Timeline as of April 21, 2021



Check-In:

2021 Priorities

- Continued roll out of Electronic Visit Verification
- Transfer of HEAplus maintenance and operations to Accenture - 7/1/21
- Implementation of closed-loop referral system - fall 2021
- Implementation of housing administrator contract - 10/1/21
- Release of RFP and award of competitive contract expansion contracts - fall 2021
- Renewal of 1115 waiver - 10/1/21
 - Amendment submitted for H20 - 5/26/2021



Open Discussion

Other AHCCCS Updates (not COVID-Specific)



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
Section 9817
10% HCBS FMAP Enhancement
Alex Demyan and Jakenna Lebsock

Topics

1. Overview of ARPA
2. Overview of the State Medicaid Director Letter Guidance for the Home and Community Based Services Section
3. Spending Plan Submission
4. Services Eligible
5. Eligible Improvement Activities
6. Open Discussion

Definitions and Acronyms

AHCCCS: Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (Arizona's Medicaid)

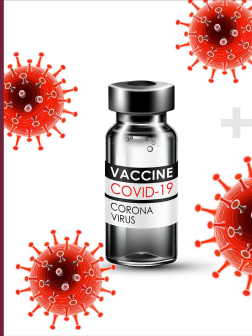
ARPA: American Rescue Plan Act

CMCS: Center for Medicare, Medicaid and Chip Services

FMAP: Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (commonly known as federal match)

HCBS: Home and Community-Based Services as defined in [A.R.S. §36-2931](#) and [A.R.S. §36-2939](#).

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

 A small glass vial labeled 'VACCINE COVID-19 CORONA VIRUS' surrounded by red virus particles and a plus sign.	 A white van driving on a road with green hills in the background.	 A pile of white pills spilling from an orange container onto a US dollar bill.	 A panoramic view of a city with mountains in the distance.	 A woman sitting at a table with a young child, looking at a book.	 A woman in profile holding a baby.	 A person in a dark hoodie sitting on a stone ledge, looking away.
Vaccine COVID-19 Administration	Mobile Crisis Services	Elimination of Medicaid Drug Rebate Cap	100% FMAP for Urban Indian Health Program	10% Increase to FMAP for HCBS	Twelve Months Postpartum Coverage	SAMHSA Block Grants to Address Addiction, Mental Health Crisis



American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Section 9817



**10% Increase
to
FMAP for
HCBS**

**4/1/21 -
3/31/22**

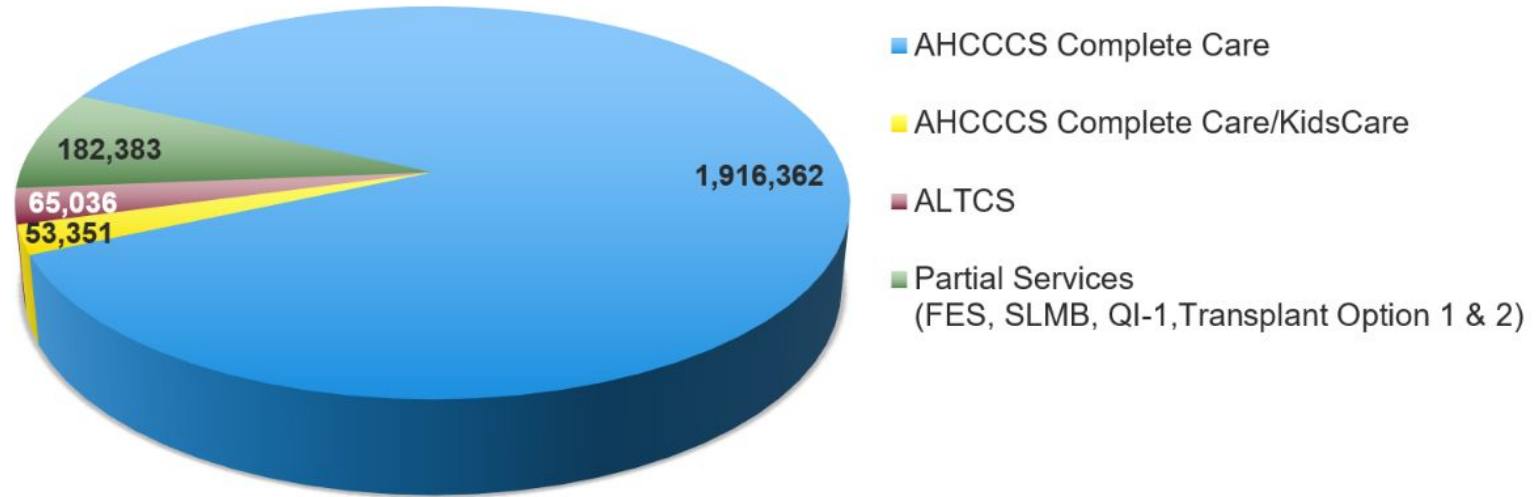
- HCBS provision offers temporary 10 percentage point bump for certain HCBS services
- [State Medicaid Director Letter](#) from CMCS issued May 13, 2021 detailing:
 - Services eligible for the enhancement and how to claim the enhancement
 - How to demonstrate compliance with the ARPA's non-supplantation language via a maintenance of effort on eligibility, covered services, and provider rates in effect as of April 1, 2021
 - Examples of activities that enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS
 - Requirements to supplement, not supplant, and
 - Mandates that states to submit both an initial and quarterly HCBS spending plan and narrative on the state's planned HCBS activities; initial submission must occur within 30 days of release of this guidance (by 6/12/21)

Services Eligible to Claim 10% FMAP Increase

- Home Health Care
- Personal Care Services
- Self-Directed Personal Care Services
- Case Management
- School Based Services
- Rehabilitative Services (including mental health and substance use disorder services)
- Private Duty Nursing
- Alternative Benefit Plans

AHCCCS Enrollment by Program (as of May 1, 2021)

Total Enrollment 2,217,132



Section 9817 - HCBS ARPA Program Requirements

CMS expects that states will:

- Not impose stricter eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures for HCBS programs and services than were in place on April 1, 2021;
- Preserve covered HCBS, including the services themselves and the amount, duration, and scope of those services, in effect as of April 1, 2021; and
- Maintain HCBS provider payments at a rate no less than those in place as of April 1, 2021.

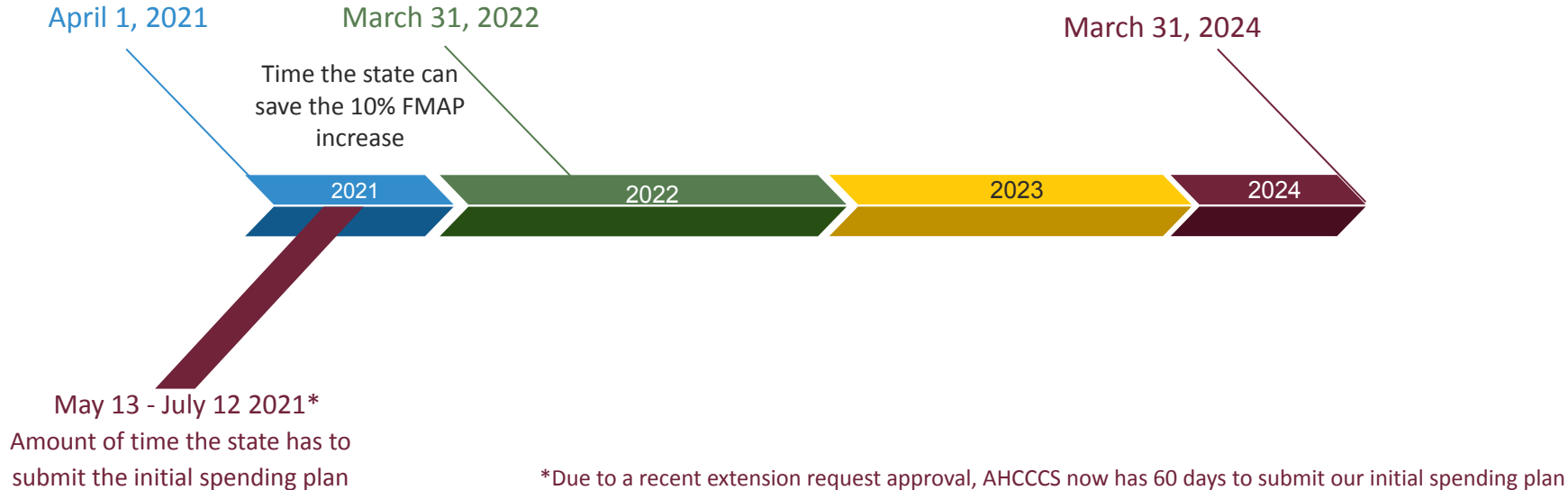
Spending Plan

- CMS is requiring states to submit both an initial and quarterly HCBS spending plans and narratives to CMS on the activities that the state has and plans implement.
- States must submit the initial HCBS spending plan and narrative within 30 days of the release of SMDL #21-003.
 - **NEW**: Due July 12, 2021.
- Spending plans are subject to CMS approval, and will be made public.
- There is opportunity to amend the initial spending plan through subsequent quarterly reports.

Eligible HCBS Improvement Activities

- New and/or Additional HCBS
- Payment Rates
- Specialized Payments
- Workforce Recruitment & Training
- Supports for Family Caregivers
- One-Time Community Transition Costs
- Addressing Social Determinants of Health and Health Disparities
- Expanding Capacity
- Assistive Technology and Other Supports for Persons with Disabilities
- Strengthening Assessment and Person-Centered Planning Practices
- Quality Improvement Activities
- Developing Cross System Partnerships
- Training and Respite
- Improving Eligibility Systems
- Expanding Use of Technology and Telehealth
- Providing Access to Additional Equipment or Devices

Time the State Can Spend the Savings Accrued From the 10% FMAP Increase



Important Factors

- The funding is short-term and must be spent by March 31, 2024 (3 years).
- These efforts cannot negatively impact our current HCBS. It can only add programs, services and activities.
- If there is a new program/activity/service funded, it must be completed by March 2024 or have a plan to fund it in another way after March 2024.

For Discussion

What do you think we should focus efforts on?

Context for feedback:

- **Details** of the suggestion
- **Sustainability** after enhanced funding concludes
 - **Ease** of implementation
 - **Impact** on our members



Open Discussion

Division of Member and Provider Services (DMPS)



AHCCCS Provider Enrollment Portal

Patricia Santa Cruz, Provider Enrollment Administrator



Provider Enrollment

Beginning August 1, 2021, a provider requesting an update to their file will be expected to submit the change online in APEP through the re-registration or modification process.

- Paper requests will be sent back with instructions on how to submit the change request in APEP.
- Non-Emergency Transportation & Attendant Care providers will continue to submit any updates through the paper process.
- Exceptions will be granted in the event the change cannot be made through APEP.

Provider Enrollment

- APEP Instructional Tutorials available on website.
- APEP Training registration available on website.

<https://azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/APEP/APEPTraining/Videos.html>

Open Discussion

Provider Assistance (602)417-7670 option 5

APEPTrainingQuestions@azahcccs.gov

Announcements

Next AHCCCS Tribal Consultation:

July 13, 2021 at 10 am

Please check [AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Webpage](#) for meeting information.

*Please send any agenda recommendations to Amanda.Bahe@azahcccs.gov by June 28, 2021.

AHCCCS on the Road (Virtually!)

The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is hosting online forums to inform the community and gather feedback on the upcoming AHCCCS initiatives:

- The Future of Regional Behavioral Health Agreements (RBHA)
- Competitive Contract Expansion
- Whole Person Care Initiative
- Waiver
- AHCCCS COVID 19 Response

June 21, 2021

10:00 am - 12:00 pm MST

Location: Webinar

Registration Link: TBA



See the following webpage for all Community Forum updates:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/PublicNotices/CommunityPresentations.html>

2021 Tribal Consultation Calendar

- **July 13, 2021: Special TC on COVID-19 PHE Updates**
 - Agenda Item Request Deadline: June 28, 2021
- **August 12, 2021: Regular Quarterly TC**
 - Agenda Item Request Deadline: July 23, 2021
- **November 4, 2021: Regular Quarterly TC**
 - Agenda Item Request Deadline: October 18, 2021

For all AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Dates and Meeting Materials, see the following link: <https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/TribalConsultation>

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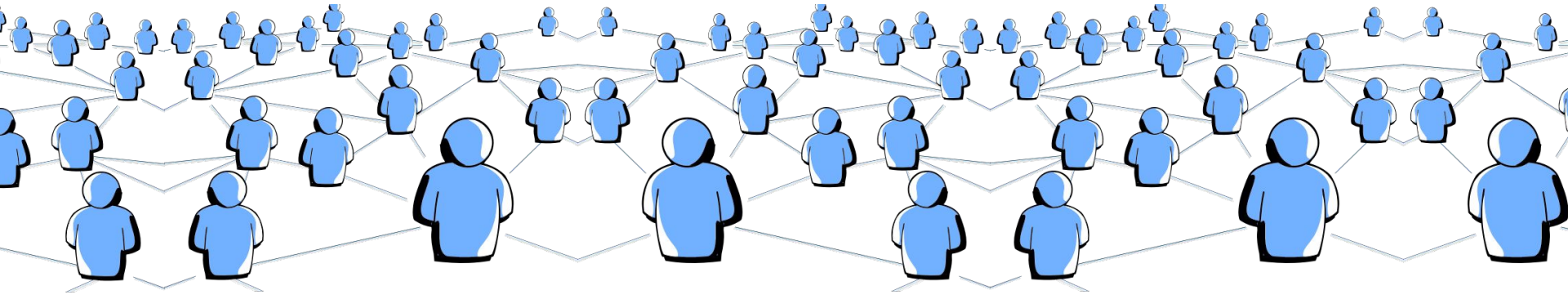
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Other Resources - Quick Links

- AHCCCS [Waiver](#)
- AHCCCS [State Plan](#)
- AHCCCS [Grants](#)
- AHCCCS [Whole Person Care Initiative \(WPCI\)](#)
- AHCCCS [Office of Human Rights](#)
- AHCCCS [Office of Individual and Family Affairs](#)
- [Future RBHA Competitive Contract Expansion](#)

Thank You.

Have a great day!