



Prior Quarter Coverage Waiver Amendment Proposal



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- Currently, Arizona covers enrollees three months prior to the month of application if the enrollee would have been eligible at any point during those months.
- AHCCCS proposes limiting retroactive coverage to the month of application, consistent with pre-ACA policy.

Prior Quarter Coverage Proposal Objectives

- This proposal to waive Prior Quarter Coverage promotes the objectives of the Medicaid program by
 - Aligning Medicaid policies with commercial health insurance coverage;
 - Creating efficiencies that ensure Medicaid's sustainability for members over the long term;
 - Encouraging members to obtain and maintain health coverage, even when healthy; and
 - Encouraging members to apply for Medicaid expeditiously when they believe they meet the criteria for eligibility.

The Proposed Retroactive Coverage Example

- On January 1, 2018, Mary receives a routine checkup for her medical condition from a primary care physician (PCP).
- On January 31, 2018, Mary applies for AHCCCS and informs the Agency that she has unpaid medical bills from her PCP visit in January.
- If Mary qualifies for AHCCCS coverage in January, then her AHCCCS eligibility is retroactive to the first day of the month of application—i.e. January 1, 2018.
- If Mary's unpaid medical expenses in January qualify as AHCCCS covered services, then AHCCCS will reimburse Mary's provider for those services.

Prior Quarter Coverage Historical Expenditures

State Fiscal Year (SFY)	Total Expenditures
2014	\$19,809
2015	\$15,743,139
2016	\$21,708,207
2017	\$21,347,704
2018 to date*	\$11,136,736
Total	\$69,955,595

* Includes expenditures from July 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017

Waiver Amendment Webpage

- More information about proposed waiver amendment, including proposed waiver applications, public notices, and information about the public comment process, can be found on the AHCCCS website at:
- <https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Federal/PendingWaivers/priorquartercoveragewaiveramendment.html>

Public Comments

- Comments and questions about the proposed Demonstration application can also be submitted by e-mail to:
PublicInput@azahcccs.gov
- Or by mail to: AHCCCS c/o Office of Intergovernmental Relations; 801 E. Jefferson Street, MD 4200, Phoenix, AZ 85034.
- All comments must be received by **February 25, 2018.**

Questions and Comments?



Thank You.

