Hospital Presumptive Eligibility

What is HPE

- ACA allows hospitals to enroll patients in Medicaid without a formal eligibility determination from AHCCCS

- Uses basic, unverified information to determine likely eligibility

- Program integrity critical to ensuring appropriate use of HPE

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AHCCCS HPE Policy Goals

- Provide a pathway to complete coverage

- Expand HEAplus training to hospital staff

- Employ PE as a safety net to ensure appropriate access to care by eligible populations

Application

- Application can not require:
  - SSN
  - Documentation of Citizenship
  - Verification of income
  - Signature of applicant
- However, applicants must attest they meet citizenship and residency requirements – HPE is not a shortcut for non-eligible individuals to obtain eligibility
- HPE allowed only once every 24 months

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AHCCCS HPE Plan

- AHCCCS submitted draft policy to CMS:
  - Hospital must:
    - Be a HEAplus subscriber
    - Assist individuals with completing and submitting full AHCCCS application
    - Ensure 90% of the persons the hospital determines HPE complete regular Medicaid applications through HEAplus by the end of the HPE period
    - Ensure 95% of persons the hospital determines HPE who complete full application are determined eligible (95% accuracy rate)
    - Provide application assistance to the community, not just patients (will be listed on AHCCCS website as assistor)
  - There is no reimbursement for a hospital for completing an HPE determination or assisting an individual to complete the full application, and hospitals may not charge applicants.
  - HPE reimbursement done on a FFS basis.

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Program Integrity

- Current hospital application process has very high denial rate

- Hospitals must submit quarterly reports to AHCCCS OIG as well as an aggregated annual report.

- OIG will perform on-site audits of hospitals, and hospitals will fund an annual independent audit.

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