



1115 Waiver Update

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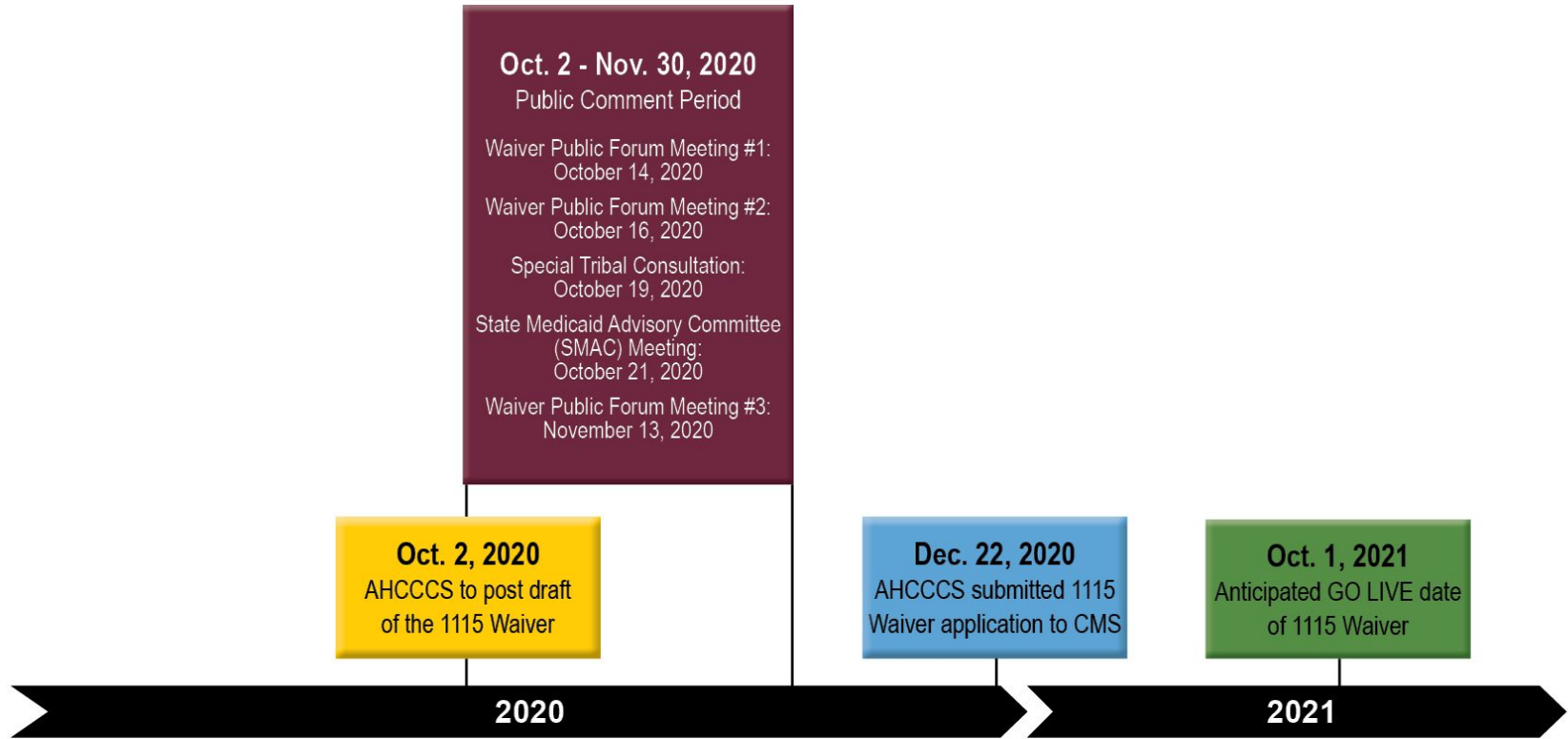
Section 1115 of the Social Security Act

- Allows states flexibility to design Demonstration projects that promote the objectives of the Medicaid program
- Demonstration projects are typically approved for a five year period and can be renewed every five years
- Must be budget neutral meaning that federal spending under the waiver cannot exceed what it would have been in absence of the waiver

Arizona's Demonstration Renewal

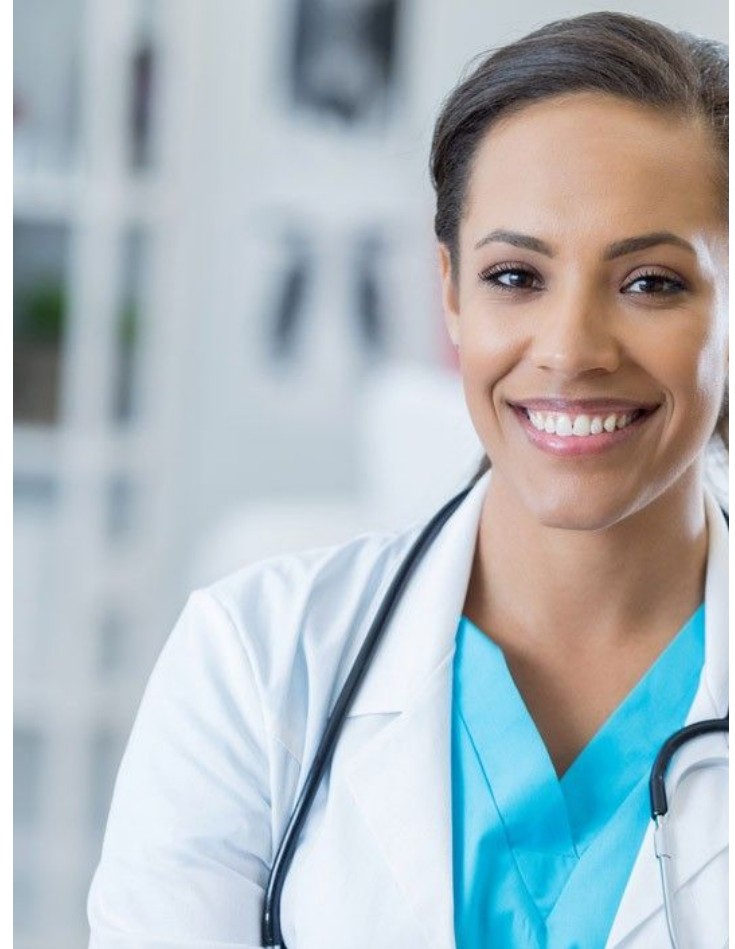
- Arizona's current waiver is scheduled to expire September 30, 2021
- Waiver renewal request must be submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) one year in advance
- Due to the pandemic, CMS granted AHCCCS a three-month extension to submit the waiver renewal application by December 31, 2020

Arizona's 1115 Waiver Renewal



1115 Demonstration Waiver Renewal

- **Initiatives to Be Continued**
 - Managed care
 - Home and community based services
 - Targeted Investments Program
 - AHCCCS Works
 - Waiver of prior quarter coverage for certain populations



1115 Demonstration Waiver Renewal



- **New Initiatives**

- Verbal consent in lieu of written signature for up to 30 days for care and treatment documentation for ALTCS members
- Reimbursement for traditional healing services (renewed request)
- Reimbursement for adult dental services eligible for 100% federal financial participation provided by IHS and Tribal 638 facilities
 - Exceeding the \$1,000 emergency dental limit for adult members and the \$1,000 dental limit for individuals age 21 or older enrolled in the ALTCS program

Public Comments Summary

- Request to discontinue AHCCCS Works & Prior Quarter Coverage Waiver
- Support for traditional healing services & tribal dental benefit
- Support for retaining authority to make uncompensated care payments to IHS and 638 facilities

Public Comments Summary

- Support to continue ALTCS verbal consent authority beyond the termination of the PHE
- Support for TI Program 2.0, including funding for participating CBOs
- Request for waiver expenditure authority to reimburse for whole person care services, such as housing & food

Next Steps for 1115 Waiver Renewal Process

- The federal public comment period is open through February 3, 2021 for Arizona's Waiver Renewal Application
- AHCCCS will negotiate special terms and conditions of Arizona's Waiver with CMS throughout 2021
- AHCCCS is currently developing TI Program Concept Paper

Questions?