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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 intent to submit State Plan Amendment

SPA Title: Alien Medicaid Eligibility Changes - CS 18

SPA Overview: This SPA will update the CHIP State Plan to be compliant with the changes from Section 71109 of H.R. 1, titled *Alien Medicaid Eligibility.* This section of H.R. 1 limits Medicaid eligibility to lawful permanent residents, certain Cuban and Haitian entrants, and individuals from the Compacts of Free Association nations. Refugees, asylees, and other humanitarian groups who were previously eligible for full Medicaid coverage will only qualify for emergency services.

Tribal Consultation:
AHCCCS consulted with the Tribes regarding this SPA on August 4th, 2025. Below is the link to more information regarding the tribal consultation meeting:
https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/Downloads/Consultations/Meetings/2026/08042026_AHCCCS_TribalConsultationCombinedPresentation.pdf

State Plan Amendment and Public Comment Period
The proposed SPA Is located on the next page of this document.

Public notice was posted on October 30, 2026

Comments will be accepted through November 30, 2026

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
  150 N. 18th Avenue
  Phoenix, AZ 85007

CHIP Eligibility

State Name: Arizona

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Separate Child Health Insurance Program
Non-Financial Eligibility - Citizenship

CS18

Statute: Sections 1137(d), 1902(ee), 1903(v)(4) and (5), 1903(x), 2105(c)(9), and 2107(e)(1)(Q) and (R) of the Social Security Act (the Act); 8 U.S.C. sections 1611, 1613 and 1641
Regulations: 42 CFR 435.406, 407, 956, 457.320(b)(6), (c) and (d), and 457.380(b)

Citizenship

☐ The state provides CHIP to citizens and nationals of the United States and certain noncitizens who meet all other CHIP eligibility requirements under the state plan, including coverage for individuals for whom federal financial participation (FFP) is available consistent with sections 2107(e)(1)(R) and 1903(v)(5) of the Act ("FFP-eligible noncitizens"), and during a reasonable opportunity period pending verification of their U.S. citizenship, U.S. national or satisfactory immigration status.

■ The CHIP Agency provides eligibility for child and/or pregnancy related health assistance under the Plan to individuals who meet all eligibility requirements, including who are residents of 1 of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the United States:

Who are citizens or nationals of the United States; or

Who are FFP-eligible noncitizens in an immigration status or category listed in section 1903(v)(5) of the Act and cross-referenced at section 2107(e)(1)(R) of the Act and are not prohibited by section 403 of PRWORA (8 U.S.C. §1613); or
1) Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs) - section 1903(v)(5)(B)(ii) of the Act; or
2) Cuban/Haitian entrants - section 1903(v)(5)(B)(iii) of the Act; or
3) Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants - section 1903(v)(5)(B)(iv) of the Act; and

Who have declared themselves to be citizens or nationals of the United States, or noncitizens having satisfactory immigration status, during a reasonable opportunity period, pending verification of their U.S. citizenship, U.S. national, or satisfactory immigration status consistent with requirements of sections 1903(x), 1137(d), 1902(ee), and 2105(c)(9) of the Act, and 42 CFR 435.406, 407, 911, 956, 457.320(d) and 457.380(b).

The reasonable opportunity period begins on and extends 90 days from the date the notice of reasonable opportunity is received by the individual.

The agency provides for an extension of the reasonable opportunity period if the individual is making a good faith effort to resolve any inconsistencies or obtain any necessary documentation, or the agency needs more time to complete the verification process.	Yes
The agency begins to furnish benefits to otherwise eligible individuals during the reasonable opportunity period on a date earlier than the date the notice is received by the individual.	No

CHIP Eligibility

The CHIP Agency elects the option to provide CHIP coverage to children up to age 19, lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in Section 2107(e)(1)(Q) of the Act (cross-reference to section 1903(v)(4) of the Act) who meet all other eligibility requirements in the state plan.	No
The CHIP Agency elects the option to provide CHIP coverage to pregnant women lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in section 2107(e)(1)(Q) of the Act (cross-reference to section 1903(v)(4) of the Act), who meet all other eligibility requirements in the state plan. The state may not select this option unless the state also elects to cover lawfully residing children. A state may not select this option unless the state also covers Targeted Low-Income Pregnant Women.	No

PRA Disclosure Statement

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