

**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 a State Plan Amendment.

SPA Title: CHIP Substitution of Coverage

SPA Overview: This SPA provides language regarding assurances that the CHIP program has methods and policies in place to prevent the substitution of group health coverage or other commercial health insurance with public funded coverage.

Tribal Consultation:

AHCCCS will consult with Tribes regarding this SPA on August 7, 2025. Below is a link to more information regarding the tribal consultation meeting:

<https://ahcccs.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlcu-gqDlvE9SFJD5POgQnnfvHJBuAfYGT>

State Plan Amendment and Public Comment Period

The proposed SPA is located on the next page of this document.

Public notice was posted on June 20th, 2025.

Comments will be accepted through July 20th, 2025.

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
801 E. Jefferson St., MD 4200
Phoenix, AZ 85034

4.4.6 Non-Financial Eligibility - Substitution of Coverage (Section 2102(b)(3)(C) of the SSA and 42 CFR 457.340(d)(3), 457.350(i), and 457.805)

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The CHIP Agency provides assurance that it has methods and policies in place to prevent the substitution of group health coverage or other commercial health insurance with public funded coverage. The substitution of coverage prevention policies includes: Insurance Coverage (No Creditable Coverage) and Medical Insurance Coverage and Premiums.

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Insurance Coverage (No Creditable Coverage) states that those who have creditable health insurance coverage do not qualify for Arizona's KidsCare program (CHIP). Creditable coverage is defined in the policy as health insurance coverage as defined under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and gives examples including Medicare, group health plans, health insurance through a hospital or medical service policy, certificate or plan contract, or armed forces insurance.

Medical Insurance Coverage and Premiums states that a customer must provide information about any medical insurance coverage and is no longer eligible for KidsCare when he or she has creditable health insurance coverage. Please note that a child under age 19 obtaining new group health coverage or commercial health insurance during a 12-month period of continuous enrollment will not be disenrolled until renewal.

There is no waiting period during which an individual is ineligible due to having been disenrolled from group health coverage, Medicaid, or another insurance affordability program.

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