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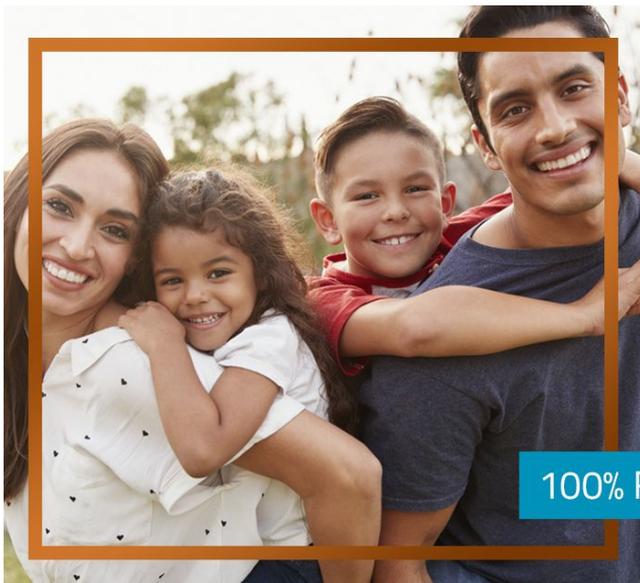
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Welcome! We will begin shortly.

An advertisement for the Resilient Arizona Crisis Counseling Program. It features a portrait of an elderly woman with white hair and a purple top. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the text: "COVID-19 LEFT YOU FEELING ... STRESSED? DEPRESSED? WORRIED?". At the bottom of the image is a blue banner with white text: "GET CONNECTED WITH A COUNSELOR 100% FREE & CONFIDENTIAL · STATEWIDE".

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Need to report a change?

The screenshot shows the Health-e-Arizona PLUS website interface. The 'I Want To...' menu on the left has 'Report a Change' highlighted with a red box. The 'My Account' section shows a verified ID and address in Phoenix, AZ. The 'My Medical Assistance' table lists a program starting on 09/01/2021. The 'My Applications' section includes a message to click on application numbers and a table with one application entry.

Name	Program	Begin Date	End Date
	AHCCCS Medical Assistance	09/01/2021	

Application Number	Date Started	Date Sent	Status	View
2021272000237	9/30/2021	MA 9/30/2021	Submitted	Provide/View Documents View Application Summary



Log in or create an account today at www.healthearizonaplus.gov

How To Make Health-e-Arizona PLUS Address Changes

Address changes can be reported online using Health-e-Arizona PLUS.

Report a Change

- New Contact Information
- Update Address Confidentiality Program (ACP) Enrollment
- Add Person(s) - Someone Moved in or Had a Baby
- Remove Person(s) - Someone Moved Out or is Deceased
- Household Moved or Will Move
 - Moved Within Arizona
 - Moved Out of Arizona
- Update Information About a Person(s)
- Update Tax Filing Information
- Income Changed
- Expenses Changed
- Apply for another program
- Disability Changed
- Update Alternative Format

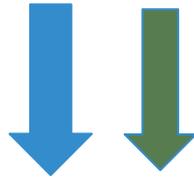
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- Other Change

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Use GALLERY
VIEW to see all
participants



Use CHAT to ask
questions or share
resources



State Medicaid Advisory Committee (SMAC) Quarterly Meeting

October 13, 2021

Agenda

Agenda	
I. Welcome	Dana Flannery Senior Policy Advisor and Assistant Director
II. Attendance and Quorum Confirmation	ALL
III. Grants Update: Mental Health Block Grant, Substance Abuse Block Grant and State Opioid Response Grant	Alisa Randall, Assistant Director, Division of Grants Administration Hazel Alvarenga, Grants Administrator for Opioid Grants
IV. America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021	Alex Demyan, Deputy Assistant Director
V. AHCCCS Update	Director Jami Snyder
VI. SMAC Membership Discussion	Brenda Morris, SMAC Liaison
VII. Call to the Public	Director Jami Snyder
VIII. Adjourn at 3:00 p.m.	ALL



Grants Update: Mental Health Block Grant, Substance Abuse Block Grant and State Opioid Response Grant

Alisa Randall
Hazel Alvarenga

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act

CRRSAA

CRRSAA - Mental Health Block Grant



Children Designated with SED

- Expand current SED services through outreach services, SED treatment modalities, services to incarcerated and/or detention populations.
- Capacity building, increased training on best practices and suicide prevention activities.
- Establish a digital locker.

Adults Designated with SMI

- Expansion of outreach services, care coordination, evidence based practices, and services to incarcerated populations as it relates to COVID-19.
- Capacity and infrastructure building including opportunities for training in best practices and evidence-based practices.

Crisis System

- Operation of an access line or warm line options to crisis increase needs due to the pandemic.
- MHFA training to first responders.
- Hiring of outreach workers and peer support to assist with post crisis check in supports.
- Enhance coordination of care for incarcerated individuals.

First Episode Psychosis

- Expanding FEP services including treatment, staff time, outreach, services to incarcerated/detention, PPE.
- Capacity and infrastructure building to support needed growth.
- Establish statewide digital lockers for those experience homelessness.

CRRSAA - Substance Abuse Block Grant



Primary Prevention (substance abuse related)

- Expand primary prevention services statewide to those impacted by COVID-19.
- Expand training, coalition building, community mobilization, and screening with evidence-based tools.
- Implement SU prevention interventions targeted at criminal justice system.
- Identification of TA needs.

Women's Services

- Integrate SUD treatment with health and family service agencies with a focus on pregnant women and new mothers.
- Implement a statewide harm reduction program through a RFP.
- Expand MAT using FDA-approved medications and accompanying psychosocial and recovery supports for women.
- Hire outreach workers for regular check-in for women with SUD.
- Increased capacity for detox, supported ILS, and recovery homes

General Support Services

- Enhance workforce development for peer recovery specialist training including Project ECHO collaborative.
- Implement provision of SUD treatment services to juveniles in detention, re-entry initiatives, in-reach and outreach.
- Expand harm reduction and overdose prevention strategies.
- Enhance crisis system to include post crisis outreach and texting capabilities.
- Enhance culturally responsive services.

American Rescue Plan Act

Block Grants Update

ARPA - Mental Health Block Grant



Children Designated with SED

- Early identification and referral for SED assessment
- Co-location with EBP for justice involved youth
- CPAP - expanding access to primary care providers
- Parent and Family Support services, CFT coaches, etc.



Adults Designated with SMI

- TA and monitoring for ACT, supportive housing, supported employment, and peer support
- Expansion of peer support services
- Expansion of bh providers to serve individuals with IDD
- Digital identification wallet



Crisis System

- Electronic crisis services locator
- Crisis wraparound with children with SED designation
- 23 hour crisis stabilization for children with a SED designation
- Short-term bh residential settings for children with SED designation



First Episode Psychosis

- FEP positions for outreach and treatment services
- EBP training and staff time
- Funding supplies for outreach

ARPA - Substance Abuse Block Grant



Primary Prevention (substance abuse related)

- Capacity building in "prevention deserts" within the state to build services and coalitions
- Partnership development with institutions of higher learning to target 18-25 year olds
- Media campaigns related to underage drinking, binge drinking and marijuana use.
- Expand and increase primary prevention efforts statewide

Women's Services

- Develop and sustain women-only, culturally appropriate approaches to substance and alcohol use treatment for Native/American Indian women.
- Develop training to implement gender-specific SUD treatment for women.
- Maternal Mental Health Programs to support the complex OB and SUD needs for pregnant and postpartum women in recovery.
- Detox for substance-exposed newborns and supportive services to mothers through their nursery, provision of parenting courses.

General Support Services

- Address health disparities in relation to SUD needs in various communities.
- Support statewide approach to increasing screening for infectious disease.
- Digital Wallet/Locker technology
- Create and expand peer-based recovery for SUD needs

Annual Block Grant Application

SAMHSA Block Grant Funding



**Level funding was used for the model.
No award has been made.*

MHBG Eligibility

MHBG funds are to be used solely for services for adults determined to have a SMI and children determined to have a SED, and evidence-based practices for first episode psychosis.

- Client must be considered uninsured/underinsured

SABG Eligibility

Minimum Qualifications:

- Client must be Non-Title 19 XIX, **and**
- Client must indicate active substance use in the past 12 months.
- Exception of services available to Non-Title XIX clients (i.e. room and board, acupuncture, traditional healing).

SABG Eligibility

Funding is Prioritized for:

- Pregnant women/teenagers who use drugs by injection,
- Pregnant women/teenagers who use substances,
- Others persons who use drugs by injection,
- Substance using women and teenagers with dependent children, including women who are attempting to regain custody of their children, and
- **All other Non-Title XIX eligible clients with a substance use disorder, regardless of gender (as funding is available).**



SMAC Members

Open Discussion, Comments and Questions

State Opioid Response II Update

Hazel Alvarenga

State Opioid Response II

- **Funding Period:** 9/30/20 – 9/29/22 (2 years)
- **Amount:** \$31,606,462 per year
- **Area served:** All Regions
- **Population of Focus:** individuals with active opioid use; individuals with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD); individuals at risk for opioid overdose; individuals with stimulant use disorder; individuals in recovery; and youth, parents, community members and health consumers unaware of the potential risks of opioid/stimulant misuse and abuse

Prevention Program Activities

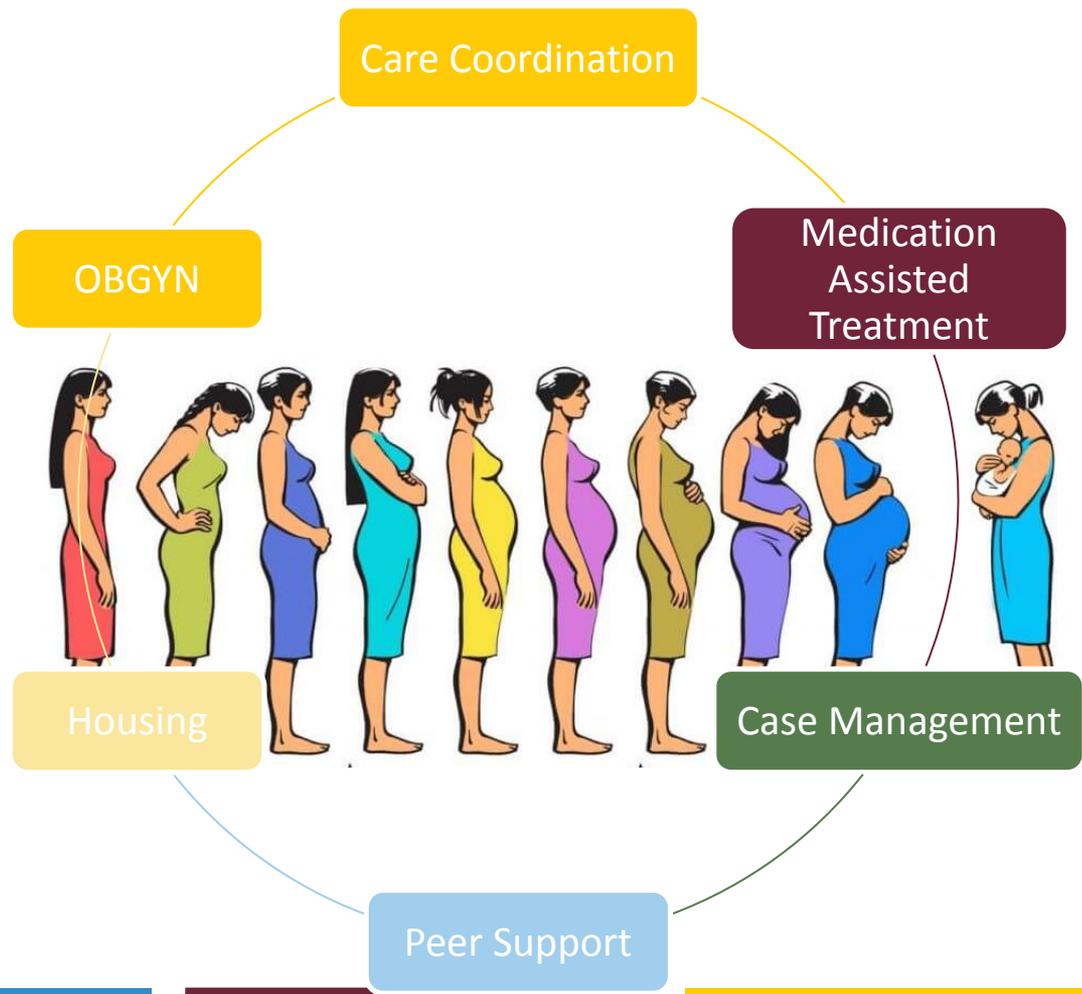
- Sustaining and Enhancing Naloxone Distribution
- Increasing Localized Community Opioid and Stimulant Prevention Efforts
 - [SACLAZ Toolkit](#), Statewide Campaign, [TalkNowAz.com](#)
- Addressing Critical Prevention Deserts
 - Develop Substance Abuse Prevention Coalitions in Peoria, Glendale, Douglas, Greenlee, Apache Junction and Peach Spring

Treatment Activities

- Increase navigation and access to medication-assisted treatment in metropolitan and rural areas in Arizona
 - Sustain [Opioid Treatment on Demand](#) - 24/7 access point to receive immediate connection to treatment
- Increase street-based outreach to identify high-risk individuals, get them into treatment, and provide them with resource options in a timelier manner

Recovery Support

- Increase recovery and supportive housing options
- [Recovery Wellness Center](#)
- Community Re-entry Projects - Yavapai, Navajo, Apache, Pima, Pinal, Graham, Mohave
- Enhance support for opioid-exposed newborns and pregnant women who have opioid and stimulant use disorder



Increased Access to Treatment

- [Realtime Locator](#) for Opioid Use Disorder services
- Live - 10/1 contractual requirement; starting with OTPs

Are you looking for opioid use disorder services in the area?
Enter a zip code to find a program that is right for you or for your loved one.

Zip Code

Within 25 miles

Service Type(s) ALL Accepting Clients

Disclaimer: The Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) Service Locator is made available by the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to assist the public in locating general information about medication assisted treatment and opioid use disorder services. The OUD Service Locator is intended solely to provide convenient electronic access to possible resources for medication assisted treatment and opioid use.



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American Rescue Plan Act HCBS Update

Alex Demyan, Deputy Assistant Director

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

Provides 10 percentage point increase in federal matching funds (capped at 95 percent) for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) to implement or expand one or more activities to enhance HCBS



**10% Increase
to
FMAP for
HCBS**

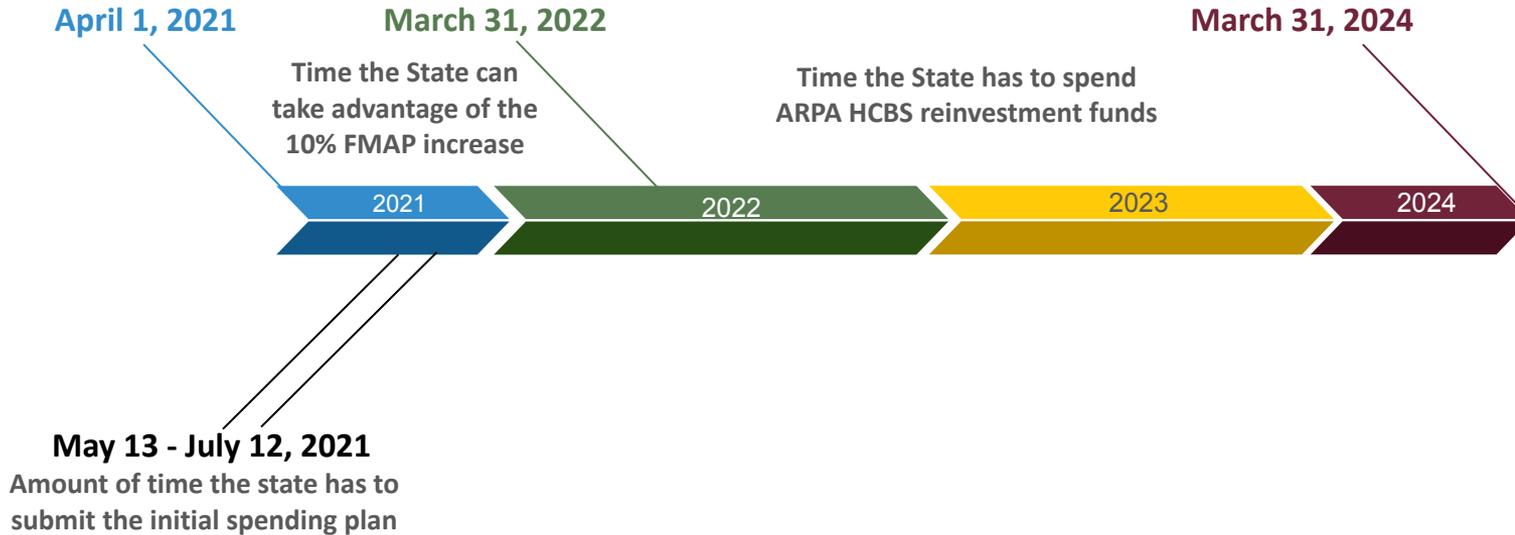
4/1/21 -
3/31/22

American Rescue Plan Act

HCBS Funding Guidance

- HCBS provision offers temporary 10 percentage point bump for certain HCBS services
- Guidance issued by CMCS on 5/13/21 detailing:
 - Services eligible for the enhancement and how to claim the enhancement
 - How to demonstrate compliance with the ARP's non-supplantation language via a maintenance of effort on eligibility, covered services, and provider rates in effect as of April 1, 2021
 - Examples of activities that enhance, expand, or strengthen HCBS
 - New flexibilities on HCBS retainer payments allowing states to offer an additional three additional 30-day retainer payment periods in CY 2021
 - <https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd21003.pdf>
- AHCCCS submitted the [ARPA HCBS spending plan 7/12/2021](#) after gaining approval for a thirty-day extension to obtain further stakeholder input
- CMS is requiring states to submit both an initial and quarterly HCBS spending plan and narrative to CMS on the activities that the state has and plans implement.
- There is opportunity to amend the initial spending plan through subsequent quarterly reports.

ARPA HCBS Funding Timeline



ARPA HCBS Spending Plan - Partial Approval

- Arizona received partial approval of the spending plan on September 28, 2021
- The partial approval letter includes:
 - Verification that Arizona qualifies for the temporary 10 percentage point increase in FMAP for certain Medicaid expenditures,
 - Approval for the state to claim the increased FMAP for qualifying expenditures between April 1, 2021, and March 31, 2022,
 - A request for additional information that CMS needs before issuing full approval as Arizona further plans and develops the activities in its spending plan,
 - General considerations, and
 - Information related to the submission of subsequent quarterly spending plans.

ARPA HCBS Spending Plan - Next Steps

- AHCCCS will be working with CMS to ensure they have information necessary to issue a full approval.
- AHCCCS will communicate updates with with stakeholders.
- Once full approval is received, AHCCCS will coordinate with the community and begin compiling workgroups for spending plan implementation.



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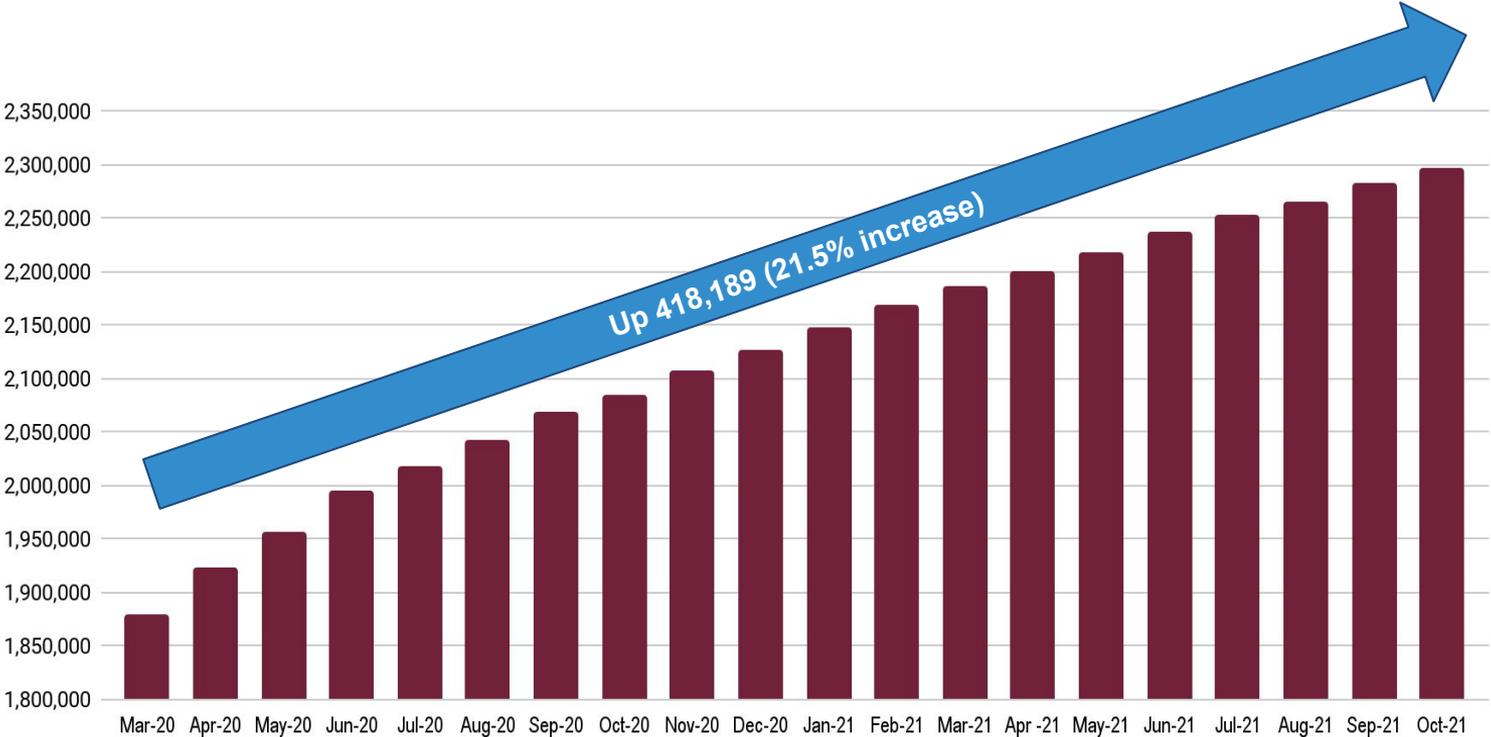


AHCCCS Updates

Jami Snyder, AHCCCS Director



AHCCCS Enrollment: March 2020- October 2021



1115 Waiver Extension

- On September 30, 2021 CMS extended AHCCCS' existing 1115 waiver for 1 year through September 30, 2022
- Grants authority for sixth year of the Targeted Investments Program
- Sunsets the AHCCCS Choice Accountability Responsibility Engagement (CARE) program (not implemented by the agency)
- Items in waiver renewal application to be negotiated
 - o Coverage for traditional healing
 - o Verbal consent in lieu of written signature for ALTCS members
 - o Extended dental coverage for individuals receiving care in an IHS or 638 facility
 - o Targeted Investments 2.0
 - o Housing and Health Opportunities demonstration
- Anticipate next demonstration period will run from Oct. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2027

AHCCCS State Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Proposal

- Enrollment growth projections (assumes PHE will end on 12/31/21; subject to change)
 - FY21 – FY22: 7 percent
 - FY22 – FY23: -8 percent
- Projected capitation rate growth
 - For CYE 2023 - 4.0%
 - CMS Office of the Actuary (National Health Expenditure for Medicaid) estimate - 4.6 percent in 2023
- General fund increase of \$358.8 million above appropriated amount for FY 2022
- Total fund decrease of \$172 million over FY 2022
 - Projected decline in enrollment
 - Cost shift to General Fund upon termination of enhanced federal match under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (6.2 percentage points)

AHCCCS State Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Proposal

Administrative Requests

- **Compensation Strategy**
 - Focus on customer facing positions with highest turnover and lowest compensation - Program Service Evaluators, Customer Service Representatives, Pre-Admission Screening staff, etc.
- **Increased Datacom Charges**
 - \$2,000,000 in total ongoing funding (\$500,000 in General Fund) to cover increased licensing fees, recently passed on by AHCCCS' contracted vendor, for the software used to process over 136 million Medicaid claims and encounters each year
- **Compliance with Interoperability Rule**
 - \$1,950,000 in total one-time funding (\$195,000 in General Fund) and \$300,000 in total ongoing funding (\$75,000 in General Fund) to achieve compliance with federal interoperability regulations

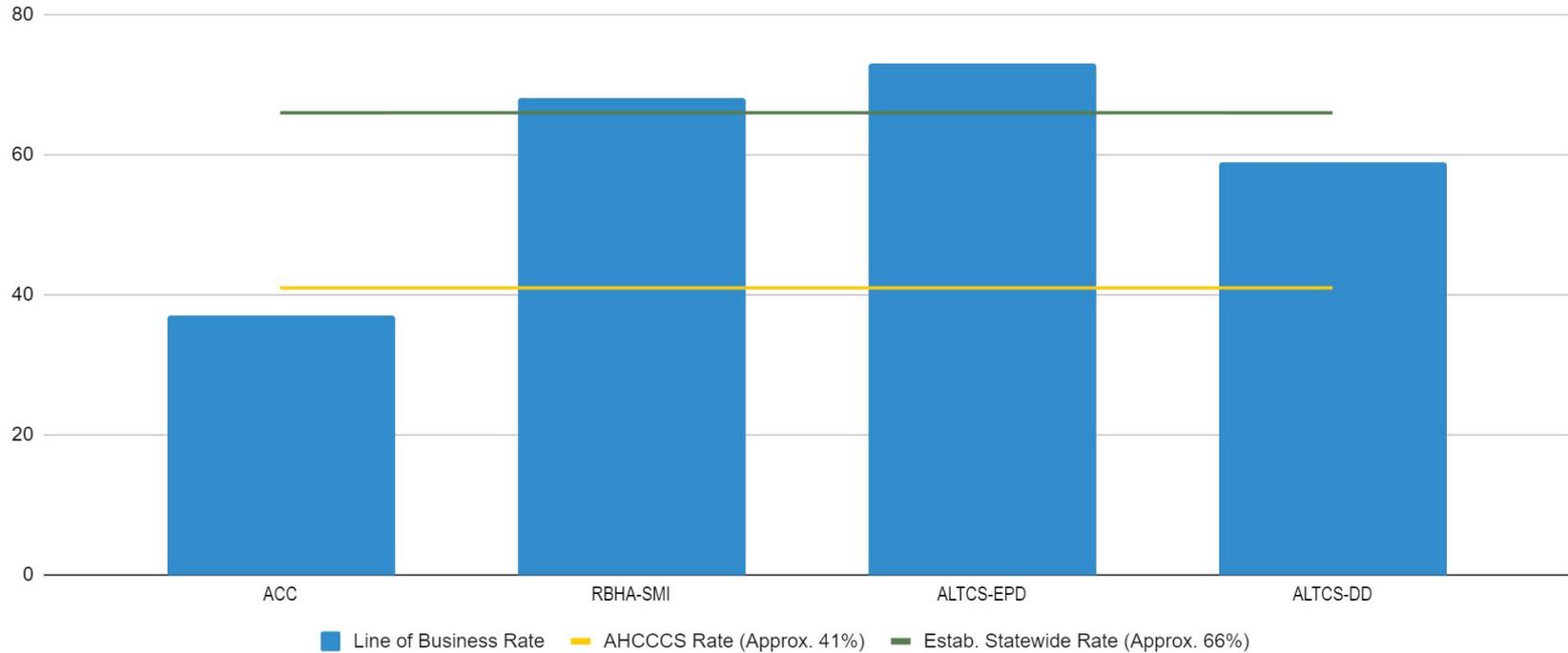
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Administrative Requests

- **PMMIS System Integration Provider**
 - \$9,500,000 in total ongoing funding (\$500,000 in General Fund in FY 2023; \$2,000,000 in General Fund ongoing) to contract with a Systems Integrator to begin the process of replacing the agency's aging Prepaid Medicaid Management Information System (PMMIS)
- **Staffing to Support Integrated Care - American Indian Health Program (AIHP)**
 - \$587,400 in total ongoing funding (\$178,600 in General Fund) to establish seven new positions when AIHP assumes responsibility for the provision of behavioral health services for 350 individuals designated to have a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) in October 2022
 - Staffing need: two nurse case managers, two prior authorization/utilization review nurses, one supervisor, one administrative assistant, and one clinical care specialist.

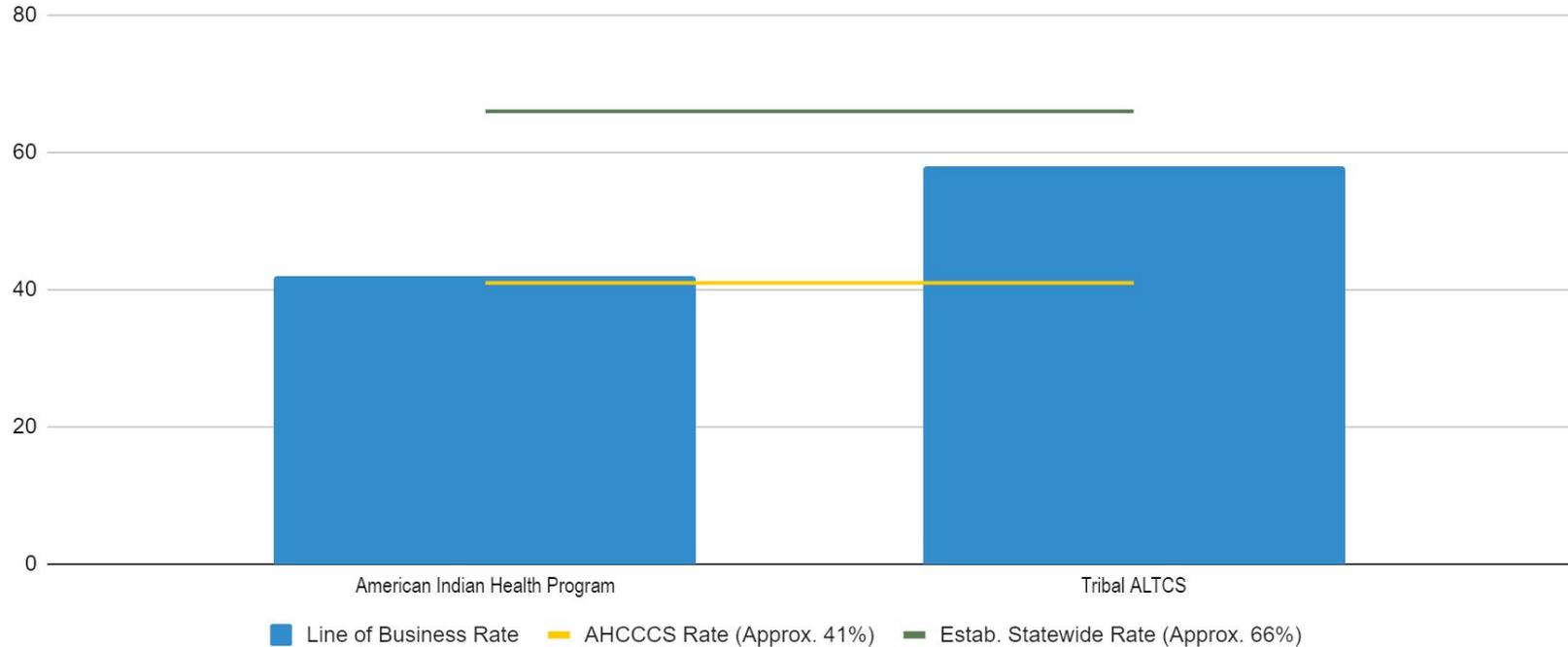
AHCCCS Beneficiary COVID-19 Vaccination Rates

Vaccination Rates by Line of Business
Percentage of Individuals Ages 12+ Who Received at Least One Dose as of September 17, 2021



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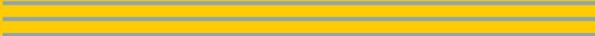
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■ Line of Business Rate ■ AHCCCS Rate (Approx. 41%) ■ Estab. Statewide Rate (Approx. 66%)

Update on Key Initiatives

- Continued roll out of Electronic Visit Verification
- Transfer of HEAplus maintenance and operations to Accenture completed on 7/1/21
- Implementation of closed-loop referral system underway - fall 2021
- Housing administrator contract implemented on 10/1/21
- Competitive contract expansion - RFP released on 8/4/21; proposals submitted on 10/4/21; on course to award on or before 11/15/21
- Renewal of 1115 waiver - extended on 9/30/21 for 1 year
- Abuse & Neglect Prevention Task Force - quarterly meeting held on 9/27/21
- Workforce transformation effort (consolidation into 801 building) near completion - 69% of AHCCCS staff will work in a virtual office setting long term
- AHCCCS Leadership Academy kick off held on 10/1/21
- AHCCCS Sunset Audit underway; first performance audit report focused on eligibility to be published in early 2022





SMAC Members

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SMAC Membership

Brenda Morris

SMAC Membership

- There are no open positions at this time.
- In October 2020, the SMAC voted in 10 new members who are now in the middle of their first term.
- All SMAC members who were not recently voted in have opted to renew their terms as committee members in accordance with current bylaws.
 - SMAC Bylaws afford members the option to renew their membership two times before their term expires.

Provider/Professional Members

Name	Organization	Term	Term
Dr. Jessica Peterkin	Ministry of Dentistry	1st Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Vicki Staples	Valleywise Health	1st Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Jason Bezozo	Health System Alliance of Arizona	1st Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Mary Jo Whitfield	Jewish Family & Children's Services	1st Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
John Hogeboom	Community Bridges	2nd Term	10/1/2021 - 10/01/2023
David Vopel	Arizona Health Care Association	2nd Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Arjelia "Argie" Gomez	Open Heart Family Wellness	2nd Term	10/1/2021 - 10/01/2023
Elizabeth McKenna	Healing Hearts Pediatrics	2nd Term	10/1/2021 - 10/01/2023
Debbie Johnston	AZ Hospital and Health Associates	2nd Term	10/1/2021 - 10/01/2023
Gina Judy	Easter Seals	3rd Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022

Public Members

Name	Organization	Term	Term
Dina Norwood	Community Legal Services	1st Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Angie Rodgers	Arizona Food Bank Network	1st Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Diana “Dede” Yazzie	Native American Connections	1st Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Melissa Kotrys	Health Current	1st Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Serena Unrein	AZ Partnership for Health Communities	1st Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Greg Corns	Solterra Senior Living	1st Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Daniel Haley	H.O.P.E.	2nd Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Marcus Johnson	Vitalyst	2nd Term	10/01/2020-10/01/2022
Vince Torres	First Things First	2nd Term	10/01/2021-10/01/2023

Proxy Members in Service

Proxy Member	Assigned Member	Organization	Term
Debbie Johnston	Gregg Ensell	AZ Hospital and Health Associates	11/13/2021
Zaida Dedolph	Siman Qaasim	Children's Action Alliance	11/13/2021

Bylaw Subcommittee

The SMAC Bylaws were revised in 2019. It is recommended that a subcommittee review the bylaws for necessary amendments given the new virtual meeting format, member appointment, and length of term including proxy usage.

These Bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new or revised bylaws may be adopted by a majority of the SMAC at any regular meeting or special meeting, provided that at least ten (10) days written notice is given of intention to alter, amend, or repeal or to adopt new Bylaws at such meeting



Call to the Public

2021 SMAC Meetings

Per Bylaws, meetings are to be held 2nd Wednesday of January, April, July and October.

2021 Meeting dates and times are scheduled as follows:

Upcoming 2022 SMAC Meeting

January 12, 2022 1:00-3:00 p.m.

April 13, 2022 1:00-3:00 p.m.

July 13, 2022 1:00-3:00 p.m.

October 12, 2022 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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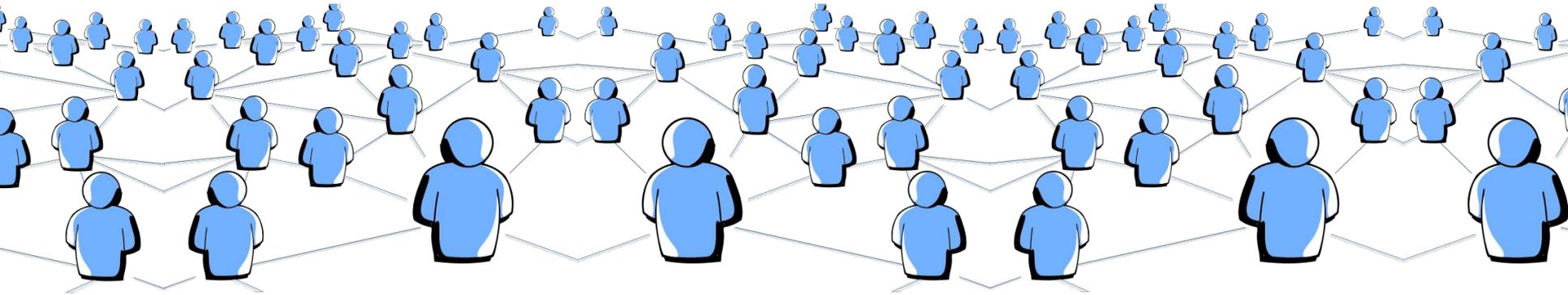
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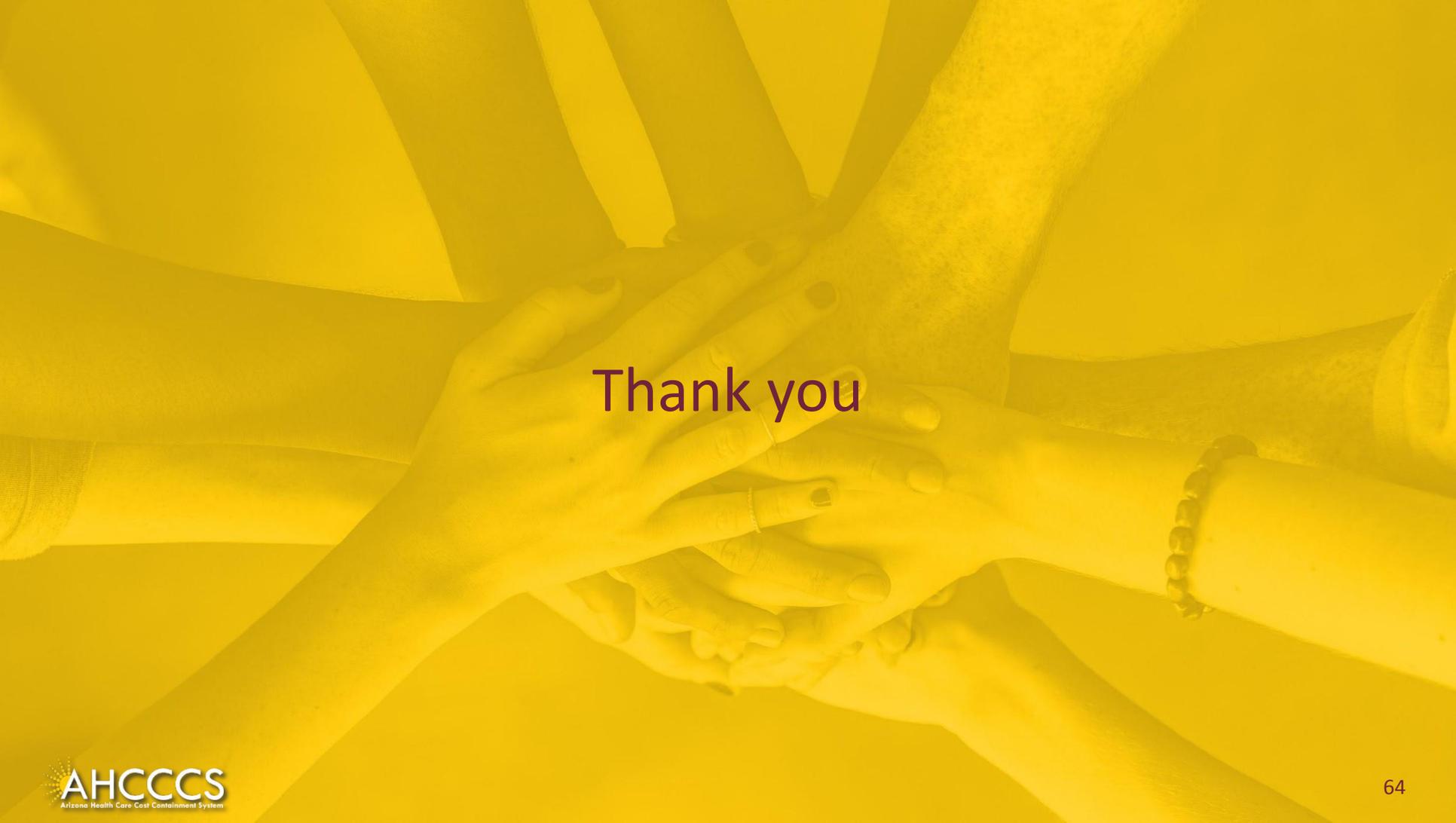
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Other Resources - Quick Links

- AHCCCS [Waiver](#)
- AHCCCS [State Plan](#)
- AHCCCS [Grants](#)
- AHCCCS [Whole Person Care Initiative \(WPCI\)](#)
- AHCCCS [Office of Human Rights](#)
- AHCCCS [Office of Individual and Family Affairs](#)
- [Future RBHA Competitive Contract Expansion](#)



Thank you