

**AHCCCS**  
**Special Tribal Consultation by Teleconference**  
 June 25, 2013  
 AHCCCS Administration, 701 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85034

**SUMMARY**

**NOTIFICATION TO TRIBES:**

June 19, 2013

Good Morning,

This is to inform you of a Tribal Consultation Teleconference scheduled for **June 25, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** (MST) to discuss Medicaid and CHIP MAGI Eligibility and Benefits SPAs. The **call-in number is: 1-877-820-7831, Participant Passcode: 108903#**. Attached is the meeting agenda. Click on the following link for two (2) tables summarizing the SPAs.

[http://azhix/CMS/SPA%20Templates/Medicaid\\_CHIP\\_SPAs.pdf](http://azhix/CMS/SPA%20Templates/Medicaid_CHIP_SPAs.pdf)

Feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding this meeting.

Thank you,

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**MEETING INVITEES**

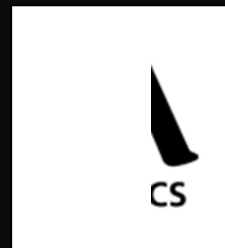
<b>Invited Tribes</b>	22 Arizona Tribes
<b>Invited I/T/Us</b>	Advisory Council on Indian Health Care, Indian Health Service (IHS) Directors, P.L. 93-638 Tribal Health Facilities, Tribal Health and Social Service Programs, Tribal Health Directors, Tribal Leaders, Urban Indian Health Programs
<b>Participating Tribes</b>	Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Navajo Nation
<b>Participating Tribal Health Organizations</b>	Phoenix IHS Area Office, Navajo IHS Area Office, Winslow Indian Health Care, Pascua Yaqui Health Center, Advisory Council on Indian Health Care

## AGENDA

**TRIBAL CONSULTATION BY TELECONFERENCE TO  
DISCUSS MEDICAID & CHIP MAGI ELIGIBILITY & BENEFITS &  
MISCELLANEOUS STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS (SPAs):  
With Tribes, Indian Health Services, Tribal Health Programs  
Operated Under P.L. 93-638 and Urban Indian Health Programs**

**June 25, 2013, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Conference Call Information: 1-877 -820-7831, Participant ID: 108903#**



10:00 a.m.

Welcome/Introductions

Theresa Gonzales,  
Intergovernmental Relations Liaison  
AHCCCS

### **Medicaid MAGI Eligibility & Benefits SPAs**

1. MAGI-based Eligibility Groups
2. Eligibility Process
3. MAGI Income Methodology
4. Single State Agency
5. Residency
6. Citizenship & Immigration Status
7. Hospital Presumptive Eligibility
8. Alternative Benefit Plans

Penny Ellis,  
Acting Deputy Assistant Director  
Division of Member Services  
AHCCCS  
&  
Theresa Gonzales

### **CHIP MAGI Eligibility SPAs**

1. MAGI Eligibility & Methods
2. XXI Medicaid Expansion
3. Establish 2101(f) Group
4. Eligibility Process
5. Non-Financial Eligibility

### **KidsCare Wait List SPA**

1. Rule change to eliminate requirement

Melanie Norton,  
Acting Assistant Director  
Division of Member Services  
AHCCCS

### **Discussion**

All

11:00 a.m. Adjourn

Welcome and Introductions	Theresa Gonzales provided the Welcome and Introductions
Medicaid MAGI Eligibility & Benefits SPAs	<p>Penny Ellis and Theresa Gonzales Presenters:</p> <p><u>MAGI-Based Eligibility Groups</u>  These SPAs identify the groups that we will cover. There are mandatory and optional groups. These SPAs also identify the income limits for each group and any special criteria that the state has the option of selecting. For example, for the Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives the state has the option of the age of the dependent child. We are still waiting for CMS to approve our income conversion before we can determine our income limits.</p> <p><u>Eligibility Process</u>  This SPA identifies the use of our own alternative streamlined application and the methods by which we accept an application. It also includes renewal processing.</p> <p><u>MAGI Income Methodology</u>  This SPA identifies certain MAGI options this state has chosen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pregnant women count as a single person when determining eligibility for other household members.</li> <li>• Projecting income based on reasonable predictable changes in income (seasonal or contract workers).</li> </ul> <p><u>Single State Agency</u>  This SPA identifies AHCCCS as the Medicaid agency. It also describes other agencies who determine eligibility and conduct appeals.</p> <p><u>Residency</u>  This SPA identifies the state’s residency requirements.</p> <p><u>Citizenship and Immigration Status</u>  This SPA identifies the immigrant statuses eligible for Medicaid services. It also provides for a 90 day reasonable opportunity period for individuals who declare they are citizens or qualified immigrants to provide documentation. During this reasonable opportunity period, we must approve benefits if otherwise eligible.</p> <p><u>Hospital Presumptive Eligibility</u>  This SPA identifies the state’s hospital presumptive eligibility process. Arizona is still reviewing this process and waiting for additional guidance/clarification from CMS.</p>

CHIP MAGI Eligibility SPAs	<p>Penny Ellis and Theresa Gonzales Presenters:</p> <p>CMS has not released the CHIP SPAs yet. The following is based on our understanding of the information received to date.</p> <p><u>MAGI Eligibility &amp; Methods</u>  These SPAs identify the groups covered under Title XXI. Arizona does not cover pregnant women, unborn, and children with access to state employee insurance.</p> <p><u>XXI Medicaid Expansion</u>  Arizona does not have a XXI Medicaid Expansion group.</p> <p><u>Establish 2101(f) Group</u>  During the first renewal using MAGI methodology, if a child loses Medicaid eligibility due to the loss of disregards, the child can be eligible as under CHIP for one year.</p> <p><u>Eligibility Process</u>  This SPA identifies the use of our own alternative streamlined application and the methods by which we accept an application. It also includes renewal processing.</p> <p><u>Non-Financial Eligibility</u>  These SPAs identify the CHIP programs non-financial eligibility criteria. Arizona does not have continuous eligibility or presumptive eligibility.</p> <p>The “Premium Lock-Out” period changed. We can no longer require payment of the past due premium before being re-enrolled. We can impose a premium lock out period of 90 days.</p>
KidsCare Wait List SPA	<p>Melanie Norton Presenter:</p> <p><u>Rule Change to Eliminate Requirement</u>  Arizona is requesting that CMS remove the waiting list.</p>
Discussion	<p>Request to review the draft of the application:  Response: AHCCCS will distribute</p> <p>Request to review the templates of SPAs :  Response: AHCCCS will distribute</p>
Questions	<p>Q: Are there any questions related to American Indians in the application?</p>

	<p>A: Yes</p> <p>Q: Do the SPAs make any changes from what AHCCCS is doing today? A: Yes, regarding citizenship and immigration status documentation.</p> <p>Q: Where is the Benefits SPA? A: CMS has not yet released it.</p> <p>Q: What happens to KidsCare on 1/1/14 (regarding KidsCare wait list)? A: KidsCare will continue under the freeze. Those under 133% will be transitioned to Medicaid.</p> <p>Q: What happens to KidsCare when they are not eligible due to disregards after 1 year? A: For children enrolled in KidsCare for the one year because they lost eligibility under Medicaid due to the loss of disregards, we will check eligibility for Medicaid and if not eligible, refer to Federal Facilitated Marketplace (FFM).</p> <p>Q: What is definition of “disregard”? A: Childcare and \$90 earned income.</p> <p>Q: What are the effective dates of SPAs? A: On January 1, 2014, coverage under these SPAs begin.</p>
Wrap-Up/Adjourn	Adjourned 11:00 a.m.