What is HPE

• ACA allows hospitals to enroll patients in Medicaid without a formal eligibility determination from AHCCCS
• Uses basic, unverified information to determine likely eligibility
• Program integrity critical to ensuring appropriate use of HPE
AHCCCS HPE Policy Goals

• Provide a pathway to complete coverage
• Expand HEAplus training to hospital staff
• Employ PE as a safety net to ensure appropriate access to care by eligible populations

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Application

• Application can not require:
  o SSN
  o Documentation of Citizenship
  o Verification of income
  o Signature of applicant

• However, applicants must attest they meet citizenship and residency requirements – HPE is not a shortcut for non-eligible individuals to obtain eligibility

• HPE allowed only once every 24 months
AHCCCS HPE Plan

- AHCCCS submitted draft policy to CMS:
  - Hospital must:
    - Be a HEAplus subscriber
    - Assist individuals with completing and submitting full AHCCCS application
    - Ensure 90% of the persons the hospital determines HPE complete regular Medicaid applications through HEAplus by the end of the HPE period
    - Ensure 95% of persons the hospital determines HPE who complete full application are determined eligible (95% accuracy rate)
    - Provide application assistance to the community, not just patients (will be listed on AHCCCS website as assistor)
  - There is no reimbursement for a hospital for completing an HPE determination or assisting an individual to complete the full application, and hospitals may not charge applicants.
  - HPE reimbursement done on a FFS basis.
Program Integrity

- Current hospital application process has very high denial rate
- Hospitals must submit quarterly reports to AHCCCS OIG as well as an aggregated annual report.
- OIG will perform on-site audits of hospitals, and hospitals will fund an annual independent audit.

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Questions?

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Thank You.

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