AHCCCS TRIBAL CONSULTATION EXPEDITED
TELECONFERENCE

September 11, 2014

Conference Bridge: 1-877-820-7831, Participant Passcode: 108903#

NOTIFICATION SENT to Tribal Listserv:

From: Torres, Alma On Behalf Of Coury, Monica

Sent: Wednesday, September 10, 2014 2:00 PM

Subject: Tribal Consultation Expedited
Good Afternoon,

Pursuant to the policy on expedited tribal consultation, AHCCCS will be hosting a telephonic consultation to discuss a request to extend the current Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP) for Phoenix Children’s Hospital for one additional year (through December 31, 2015). Please find the relevant documents on the AHCCCS website at this link [http://www.azahcccs.gov/reporting/federal/waiver.aspx](http://www.azahcccs.gov/reporting/federal/waiver.aspx). The SNCP allows for uncompensated care payments to be made to Phoenix Children’s Hospital. That program is due to expire December 31, 2014. An independent evaluation was due to CMS September 1, 2014 and has been submitted. This evaluation supports a one year extension of SNCP for Phoenix Children’s Hospital.

You may submit written comments on this request to PublicInput@azahcccs.gov within the next 14 days. The comment period will close on September 23, 2014.

Conference call information below for Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 2:00pm.
Call-In Number: **1-877-820-7831**
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Thank you,
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<td>Winslow Health Center</td>
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<td>AHCCCS Representatives</td>
<td>Monica Coury, Theresa Gonzales</td>
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AGENDA

TRIBAL CONSULTATION EXPEDITED TELECONFERENCE
With Tribal Leaders, Tribes, Indian Health Services, Tribal Health Programs Operated under P.L. 93-638 and Urban Indian Health Programs

Date: September 11, 2014,
Time: 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. (Phoenix Time)
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<td>2:00 – 2:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Safety Net Care Pool Extension Request for Phoenix Children’s Hospital</td>
<td>Monica Coury, Assistant Director</td>
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MEETING SUMMARY

Overview

- Expedited Tribal Conference for Safety Net Care Pool (SNCP). Previously discussed in Tribal Conference. Last year in August 2013 brought the SNCP extension for Phoenix Children’s Hospital (PCH) to Tribal Conference. This year, it requires an additional extension for one year. On a similar calendar track as the I.H.S./638 payments.
- SNCP overview- DSH-like program allowing AHCCCS to make uncompensated care payments to hospitals with a matching partner. Similar to the program for I.H.S./638 but with a state match.
- The reason it is only for PCH is at the direction of the State Legislature. SNCP used to be open to all hospitals with a funding partner. SNCP was established due to the childless adult
enrollment freeze. Several hospitals participated, which allowed for funding of KC II. Phased out at the end of 2013 because the state opted for Medicaid restoration and expansion. Going forward PCH was allowed to continue because it didn’t benefit from childless adult restoration since specific to adults.

- This addresses unique needs of PCH so CMS provided authority to continue throughout this year. Expires 12/31/14 but there’s an opportunity for a 1 year extension. AHCCCS is asking CMS to allow to keep making these payments for 1 additional year. This authority requires us to complete an independent evaluation to see how payments have impacted PCH. The evaluation determined SNCP is still necessary for PCH so the AHCCCS administration is seeking to extend the program for PCH.

- Separate from waiver authority that allows AHCCCS to make uncompensated care payments for benefits to I.H.S. and 638 facilities. The payments/approval process are different as are the payment methodologies.

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<td>A:</td>
<td>The extension for IHS/638 already submitted and the evaluation that the Advisory Council completed has been submitted and currently under consideration before CMS. These are separate programs even though they sound similar. Methodology and structure is different. Payments to I.H.S./638 is only for IHS/638. This SNCP program is only for PCH.</td>
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<th>When do we expect to hear back from CMS re the I.H.S./638?</th>
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<th>Hope to wrap up before the end of the calendar year, but hopefully, sooner than that.</th>
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<th>Heard that paperwork for I.H.S./638 was submitted, but not sure. Appreciate the update.</th>
<th>A:</th>
<th>AHCCCS submitted the evaluation from the survey responses for IHS/638 that the facilities provided to show the importance of the payments. Turned in on 7/1/14 and included a formal request soon after to ask for an extension. Under review and hope to get a positive response. The responses from survey showed the need to keep program in place for another year at least.</th>
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| Question | Answer | Q: | Only reason I called was to see if this affected the IHS/638 request? | A: | No. The SNCP request for PCH is different and its approval reviewed separately. |