Electronic Visit Verification

January 2018 Update





Agenda

- Overview of Federal Requirement
- AHCCCS' Goals
- Proposed Decisions
- Public Comment Period



- Section 12006 requires states to implement an EVV System for Personal Care and Home Health Services provided in a Member's home.
 - Personal Care by January 1, 2019
 - Attendant Care (personal care and homemaker), respite care and habilitation (hourly) services.
 - Home Health by January 1, 2023
 - For efficiency and cost effectiveness, AHCCCS is planning to implement EVV for personal care and home health services at the same time.



 State loses Federal match for services for noncompliance with requirements.

 Allowances are made if the State is making good faith efforts to comply and delays in implementation are unavoidable.



- The system must electronically verify:
 - Type of service performed
 - Individual receiving the service
 - Date of the service
 - Location of service delivery
 - Individual providing the service
 - Time the service begins and ends



The Act *does not*.

- Limit the services provided
- Limit provider selection
- Constrain individuals choice of caregiver
- Impede the way care is delivered
- In any way establish an employer-employee relationship



AHCCCS EVV Goals

- Ensuring <u>timely service delivery</u> for members including real time service gap reporting and monitoring.
- Reducing <u>administrative burden</u> associated with paper timesheet processing.
- Generating <u>cost savings</u> from the prevention of fraud, waste and abuse.



Proposed EVV Design

- Exploring marketplace options for approximately three years
- EVV Vendor Request for Information May 2016
- EVV Vendor Demonstrations May 2017
- Created EVV Steering Committee that includes:
 - Members
 - Provider agencies
 - MCO and Tribal Contractors
 - AHCCCS personnel



Proposed EVV Design

- Implement Personal Care and Home Health in 2019
 - Includes: attendant care, habilitation (hourly), home health (hourly aide, therapy, nursing), homemaker, personal care, and respite
- One statewide EVV system
- Data Aggregator for Legacy Systems
- Technology
 - Fixed Device
 - Smart Phone/Tablet Application
 - Paper Timesheets (limited exceptions)



Proposed EVV Design: Paper Timesheets

- Paper timesheets are eliminated except in certain circumstances.
- Criteria would be developed to allow provider agencies to be exempt from EVV requirements.
 - Geographic areas with limited connectivity/infrastructure
 - Providers with a small number of Direct Care Workers
- Direct Care Workers would enter the numeric code from a fixed device onto the timesheet.
- The timesheet can be manually entered or uploaded into the EVV System.



Proposed EVV Design (cont.)

- Plan of Care and Scheduling Modules
- Service Verification
 - Verification at the end of every shift/visit
 - Verification required by both Caregiver and Member/Responsible Party
- Module to track prior authorization, service approval and utilization reporting for managing and monitoring;



Proposed EVV Design: Summary

| Things that Stay the Same | Things that are Different |
|--|---|
| Member choice of provider | Elimination of paper timesheets |
| Availability of services | Use of EVV devices |
| Member choice of individual direct care worker | How member/representative signature is collected |
| How services are provided | Member/representative signature at the end of every visit/shift |
| Where services are provided | |



Public Comment Period October 30 2017 – January 31 2018

- Community Forums
- EVV website
 - Information on how and where to send public comment
 - Recorded webinar
 - PowerPoints
 - Informational Handouts
- Provider RFI

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General Questions

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