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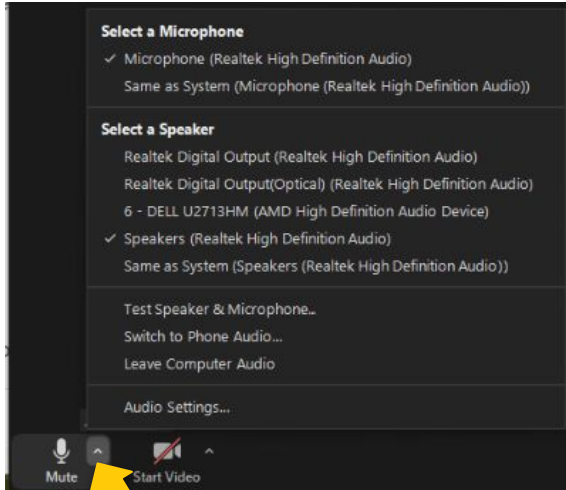
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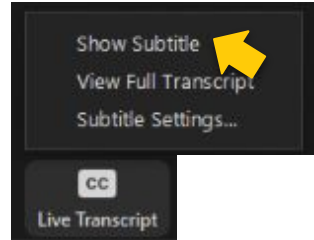
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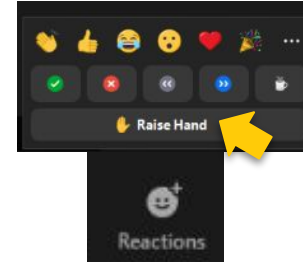
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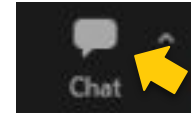
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Special Tribal Consultation Session: Postpartum Coverage Extension

July 15, 2022

Overview of State Plan/ State Plan Amendments (SPAs)

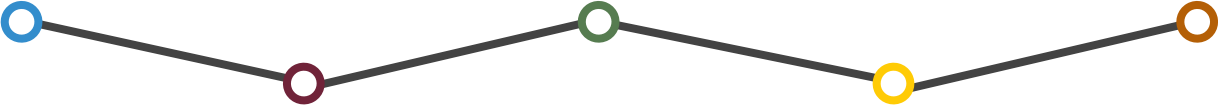
- Each state has a Medicaid state plan that describes how the state will administer its Medicaid program.
- States must follow broad federal rules in order to receive federal matching funds, but have flexibility to design their own version of Medicaid within the federal statute's basic framework.
- In order to alter a State Plan, states must submit State Plan Amendments (SPAs), and receive approval from CMS.

Timeline - SPA Processing

AHCCCS receives community feedback and public comments on the SPA.

AHCCCS Negotiates SPA with CMS to ensure that the state is in compliance with federal regulations.

The Postpartum Coverage Extension is effective and operational.



AHCCCS Submits the SPA to CMS - including a fiscal impact associated with the Postpartum Coverage Extension.

AHCCCS makes the operational and system modifications necessary for the Postpartum Coverage Extension.

Continuous Enrollment requirement still in effect until the federal COVID-19 PHE ends

Existing Postpartum Coverage (Prior to Coverage Extension)

AHCCCS currently offers 60-days of postpartum coverage, beginning on the last day of the pregnancy.

- Eligible Group: Pregnant women who were eligible and enrolled under the state plan.
- Coverage is regardless of any changes in income that would otherwise result in ineligibility.

Postpartum Coverage Extension: Key Provisions

- Benefit Description:
12-months of continuous eligibility to pregnant individuals who were eligible and enrolled under the state plan while pregnant (including during a period of retroactive eligibility).
- Benefit Details: Services are not less in amount, duration or scope than what is already covered under the state plan.
- Benefit Effective Dates: This will be effective upon CMS approval AND the completion of all AHCCCS operational/system modifications. The coverage extension ends on March 31, 2027

Postpartum Coverage Extension: Key Provisions

- Coverage Period: The 12-month postpartum period begins on the last day of a beneficiary's pregnancy (including a member's retroactive coverage period) and extends through the end of the month in which the 12-month period ends.
- Eligible Individuals: Women who were eligible and enrolled under the Medicaid state plan while pregnant, including during a period of retroactive eligibility.
- This extension does not apply to individuals eligible only during a period of presumptive eligibility.

Postpartum Coverage Extension: Key Provisions (Cont'd)

- Similar to the current 60-day postpartum period, under the extended postpartum coverage option, individuals are entitled to the extended postpartum coverage regardless of the reason the pregnancy ends.

Postpartum Coverage Extension

Key Provisions

Coverage may end if:

- The individual voluntarily terminates their coverage
- The individual ceases to be a resident of the state
- AHCCCS determines that eligibility was determined incorrectly because of agency error or fraud, abuse or perjury attributed to the individual
- The individual dies

Postpartum Coverage - Next Steps

Operational and system modifications:

1. System programming to accommodate the extended PP timeframe;
2. Policy, forms and letter revisions;
3. Training material updates and staff training on changes to PP coverage;
4. Identify and update members whose pregnancy ended before program implementation, but are still within the 12-month PP period;
5. Develop and deploy Communication Plan.

General Discussion

Feedback Deadline Specific to this Session:

August 29, 2022

*comments may be submitted via the SPA public notice
inbox

Public Comments

Public Comments or Written Testimony from tribes and I/T/Us may be submitted to AHCCCS via:

- Email: publicinput@azahcccs.gov
- Mail:

AHCCCS Attn: Office of Intergovernmental Relations
801 E. Jefferson St., MD 4200 Phoenix, AZ 85034

Announcements

Next AHCCCS Tribal Consultation:

August 11, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Please check [AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Web page](#) for meeting information.

*Please send any agenda recommendations to Amanda.Bahe@azahcccs.gov by July 18, 2022.

2022 Tribal Consultation Calendar

- **August 11, 2022: Regular Quarterly TC**
 - Agenda Item Request Deadline: June 30, 2022
- **November 3, 2022: Regular Quarterly TC**

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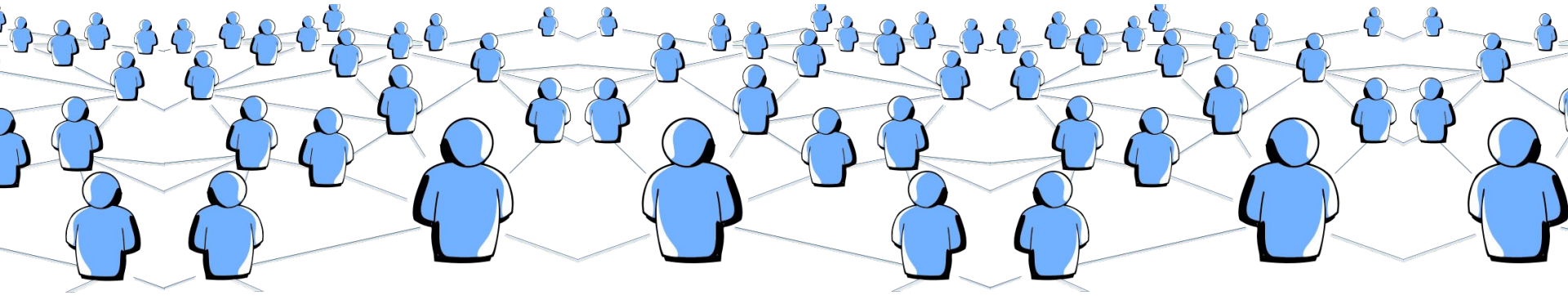
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- AHCCCS [Office of Human Rights](#)
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Thank You.

Have a great day!