Waiver Renewal Update

- AHCCCS’ current 1115 Waiver expires September 30, 2021
- New Waiver begins October 1, 2021
- Renewal process is a one-year commitment
- Major regulatory issues to be determined:
  - CMS position on Budget Neutrality
  - CMS position on 1115 versus other regulatory vehicles
Waiver Renewal Timeline

PHASE 1: Waiver Conceptualization
September 2019 – January 2020

PHASE 2: Developing Waiver Renewal Proposal
February 2020 – May 14, 2020
Waiver Renewal Timeline Cont.

PHASE 3:
Public Input Process
May 15, 2020 – July 31, 2020

PHASE 4:
Finalize & Submit Waiver Proposal
August 2020 – October 2020

May 2020
Jun 2020
Jul 2020
Aug 2020
Sep 2020
Oct 2020
SDOH → Whole Person Care Initiative

- Growing attention to social determinants of health and impact on a person’s well-being
- Belief that socio-economic status, behavior, and environment contribute more to health outcomes than access to health care
- AHCCCS intends to take the next step in the integration journey by including a Whole Person Care Initiative
Whole Person Care Initiative
Opportunities

• Considering the following areas:
  o Transitional housing – with focus on housing for members leaving a correctional facility, being discharged from a BH inpatient stay, individuals experiencing chronic homelessness
  o Non-medical transportation, with a focus on access to healthy food and employment navigation services
Social isolation impacting ALTCS members served in their own homes including, but not limited to, peer support programs.

AHCCCS must determine fiscal impact of, and funding sources for, the state match commitment required to draw down Federal funds for any approved Whole Person Care Waiver items.
Closed-Loop Referral System

• AHCCCS anticipates a single, statewide electronic closed-loop referral platform for social service fulfillment

• Will allow providers to
  o screen for social risk factors using existing systems & submit electronic referral to local agency for member to receive social services
  o see when a member’s social needs have been fulfilled
AHCCCS is partnering with Health Current and anticipates that Health Current will undertake evaluation of available closed-loop referral solutions in 2020.

AHCCCS intends that health care providers will be able to use the social risk factor screening tool of their choice as long as it captures a standard, minimum set of elements (TBD).
Next Steps in Waiver Development

• AHCCCS will work collaboratively with MCOs, community based organizations, tribal partners, providers and other external stakeholders to build out its whole person health strategy
• Web-page established for Initiative
• Dedicated email box also established to submit thoughts and suggestions