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**Targeted Investments
Program News**

T.I. 2.0 PROPOSAL: PUBLIC COMMENTS REQUESTED

The [Targeted Investments Program 2.0 waiver renewal request](#) submitted to CMS in December 2020, will continue the Targeted Investments Program from 2021 through 2026, sustaining the integration efforts of current participants and expanding integration opportunities to new providers. The TI Program 2.0 will work to provide whole person care more comprehensively across the Medicaid delivery system. Read the [Targeted Investments Program 2.0 concept paper](#) which supplements the December waiver renewal request and provides further details. The "Extension Cohort" will be open to TI participants from the original Program, and have a focus on whole person care and addressing social risk factors.

AHCCCS is accepting public comment through May 3, 2021 on these proposals. CMS considers these comments when considering whether to approve the TI renewal, making current TI Program participants' feedback especially important!

Comments can be submitted by in writing via email to waiverpublicinput@azahcccs.gov, or mail to:

AHCCCS
c/o Division of Community Advocacy and Intergovernmental Relations
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APEP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Beginning April 14th and over the following several months, the AHCCCS Division of Member and Provider Services will conduct virtual [APEP \(AHCCCS Provider Enrollment Portal\)](#) training sessions for interested providers. The training is voluntary and will directly respond to questions AHCCCS has received since the launch of APEP. Successfully navigating APEP will help TI

participants resolve any data discrepancies that could affect incentive payments.

The APEP training courses are scheduled by provider “Enrollment Type.” Each two-hour session will cover the single sign-on process, Domain Administrator functions, specific scenarios within the online application, and submission of a modification once the re-registration process is complete. The APEP training schedule and registration instructions can be found [here](#).

TARGETED INVESTMENTS PERFORMANCE MEASURES

TI Years 4 and 5 utilize performance measure milestones that are based on HEDIS performance measures in alignment with various other applications and uses, including the CMS Core Set and Statewide Targeted Investments measures. Milestone attainment (payment) is based on TI participants meeting or exceeding their performance measure targets for the measurement period (Year 4: 10/1/2019 - 9/30/2020; Year 5: 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2021). The TI team emailed each participant their Year 4 targets in 2020 and the Year 5 targets in February, 2021.

Year 4 performance is calculated using claims submitted under a “Billing ID” that matches the participating provider ID or alternate billing IDs (as identified by the participating provider) with a date of service (DOS) in Year 4. Year 5 performance is similarly calculated with the claim’s Billing and Service ID with DOS in Year 5. The TI team is developing a process to review and update these IDs and will share more information soon.

Due to the time lag associated with submitting and processing claims, the disbursement of Years 4 and 5 incentive payments will be made late in 2021 and 2022 respectively.

Please contact the TI team immediately if you have any questions regarding your targets or the billing provider IDs used for your Year 4 performance measurement.

YEAR 4 MILESTONE RESULTS: COMING SOON

TI participants' Year 4 milestone performance measures outcomes will be finalized and communicated in June. Analysis of the impact of COVID-19 will be included. Year 4 performance results will be shared with participants in May. Year 4 incentive payments will be made in late 2021.

AHCCCS is committed to helping providers access resources and assistance during COVID-19. Further information can be found on the [AHCCCS COVID-19 page](#).

YEAR 5 ATTESTATION AND MILESTONES

Consistent with prior years, each participating site must submit Year 5

attestation in order to be paid for any passed milestones in the year. Non-Hospital participants must submit their attestation for the IPAT score and QIC attendance; Hospital participants must submit an attestation for the QIC attendance, only. Although participants will not need to attest to performance-measure milestones (milestone attainment is calculated later), attestation must be submitted for the other milestones to confirm ongoing participation. The TI team will notify participants when the Year 5 attestation portal is available later this year.

The linked Year 5 milestone documents, below, detail the necessary criteria for each milestone in each Area of Concentration. This includes the attendance requirements associated with the Targeted Investments Program Quality Improvement Collaborative (QIC) and the barbells (weighting) associated with each milestone. These documents are also posted on the TI Program web page in the colored boxes.

[Adult PCP Year 5 Milestones](#)

[Adult BH Year 5 Milestones](#)

[Justice Year 5 Milestones](#)

[Peds PCP Year 5 Milestones](#)

[Peds BH Year 5 Milestones](#)

[Hospital Year 5 Milestones](#)

GUIDANCE ON CHIR/ASU AND AHCCCS TI TEAM RESOURCES

[TIPQIC Website FAQs](#) were recently updated, addressing topics such as QIC, logistics, Year 5 measures, dashboard, assignment and attribution. The TIPQIC team has recently updated their website to include [HEDIS resources](#). The TIPQIC site has also added dashboard and performance measure resources for [PCP](#), [BH](#), [Hospital](#) and [Justice](#) Areas of Concentration, including information on: performance measure evaluation and attribution, qualified provider types and specialties, referenced data, calculation methodology, and much much more!

As a reminder, questions regarding your TIPQIC dashboard, QIC meetings, and specific technical questions about performance measures can be best answered by the QIC team at tipqic@asu.edu. Questions about payment, milestones, the IPAT, attestation, and authorized users can be best answered by the Targeted Investments team at AHCCCS at targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov.

HEALTH CURRENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A reminder that Health Current is available to provide TI participants with technical assistance on data use and exchange. This includes strategies for making effective use of incoming data, such as using health information technology and securely sharing clinical data in order to improve care coordination, identifying and managing patient populations, and developing high risk patient registries. Contact your Health Current account manager for assistance.

RELOCATED YOUR TI SITE, OPTED OUT OR CHANGED OWNERSHIP/PROVIDER TYPE, OR HAD A PROVIDER JOIN OR LEAVE YOUR PRACTICE?

In order for you to receive your TI incentive payments in a complete and timely manner, we need to know if your organization anticipates relocating, merging, closing a TI Participating site(s) or merging with other organizations throughout the duration of the program, or if you have changes in providers or service addresses. **Please note that Health Plans and AHCCCS do not notify each other of any changes, so changes must be communicated to both.** To ensure your changes do not interfere with your incentive payments, please do the following:

- 1) Notify AHCCCS Provider Registration and take the necessary steps outlined by [Provider Registration](#) using the new AHCCCS Provider Enrollment Portal (APEP).
- 2) Notify your contracted Health Plans of any changes.
- 3) Notify the TI Team at targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov of the anticipated change or when the change will occur. This can be done via our “[Report a Change](#)” [Google form](#).

If you plan to no longer participate in the TI Program, please notify the TI team at targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov

Please email targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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