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## TI YEAR 6 EXTENSION & TOWN HALL

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has [extended](#) AHCCCS' 1115 Waiver Demonstration authority for a one-year period, through Sept. 30, 2022, while they continue to review the agency's 2021-2026 Waiver renewal application. Find more information about the 1115 Waiver extension at the [AHCCCS News and Updates webpage](#).

The extension grants authority to continue specific programs for a sixth year, including the [Targeted Investments Program](#).

The TI Program "Year 6" extension, beginning October 1, 2021, will mirror TI Year 5:

- Up to \$50M in total funding, anticipated to be paid through MCOs around December 2023;
- Same milestone performance measures, administered by ASU-CHiR, with targets TBD by early 2022;
- Same QIC attendance requirements, anticipating ASU-CHS to continue monthly QIC sessions in January;
- Same attestation requirements, including the IPAT score for ambulatory participants, once the Year 6 portal is available in early 2023;
- Same participants, unless the practice has withdrawn or has been removed from the program - no application necessary.

**Register now for the Town Hall:** The TI Team will host a Town Hall on October 15, 2021 11:30am-12:30pm to update stakeholders on the Year 6 extension and answer any related questions. A recording of the Town Hall will be posted to the AHCCCS Targeted Investments website and TIPQIC website as soon as possible. Special guest speakers from Health Current will also present on the HIE's new Mental Illness Hospitalization Alerts- learn more about these alerts on [Health Current's website](#). Consistent with ADT and bi-directional data sharing protocols established in TI Years 2 and 3, participants should thoughtfully consider internal protocols to optimize utilization of these alerts. [Register in advance for this Town Hall, here](#)

The full 1115 Waiver renewal package, seeking to implement new initiatives such as coverage of traditional healing, Targeted Investments 2.0, and the Housing and Health Opportunities demonstration, was submitted to CMS on December 21, 2020 and will be subject to negotiation over the next 12 months. If approved, in part or in full, the next five-year waiver will run from Oct. 1, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2027.

[The AHCCCS Targeted Investments website](#) and [TIPQIC website](#) will provide more information on this update in the next few days. TIPQIC will continue technical assistance efforts, proactively engaging participants for data harmonization and developing the “Best Practice” guides. We look forward to continuing to support the important work you are doing to improve care for AHCCCS members.

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## TI Y5 ATTESTATION AND IPAT SUBMISSION

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 early next year.

**The Year 5 attestation portal is not yet available. Non-hospital participants will be able to submit the Year 5 IPAT score when the portal is launched early next year. Please hold onto your IPAT score until then.**

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](#)

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## TI YEAR 4 PAYMENTS

Participants will receive TI Year 4 payments by Jan 1, 2022. Payment amount notifications will be provided a few weeks prior to receiving the payments.

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## TARGETED INVESTMENTS RENEWAL (TI 2.0)

AHCCCS has proposed renewing the Targeted Investments Program (TI 2.0) for another five years beginning October 1st, 2022 as part of AHCCCS' 1115 Waiver submission to CMS. The [TI 2.0 Concept Paper](#) explains the enhanced initiatives that current TI participants may participate in through the extension cohort, and the refined 1.0 initiatives that new TI participants will participate in through the Expansion Cohort. The [AHCCCS Targeted Investments website](#) will soon be updated with FAQs. Please contact the TI team if you have any questions about the TI 2.0 proposal.

**Please note: AHCCCS cannot accept applications for TI 2.0 until the program has been approved.**

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## GUIDANCE ON CHIR/ASU AND AHCCCS TI TEAM RESOURCES

TIPQIC will continue to provide technical assistance throughout year 6. [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!

**Coming soon:** TIPQIC is working on Best Practice Audit Guides to showcase best practices related to TI performance measures and general performance improvement. Stay tuned to the [AHCCCS Targeted Investments website](#) and [TIPQIC website](#) for more information.

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](mailto: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](mailto:targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov).

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## 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 or [HIsupport@healthcurrent.org](mailto:HIsupport@healthcurrent.org) for assistance.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov)

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Please email [targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov](mailto:targetedinvestments@azahcccs.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

**Thank you,**

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