

March 28, 2019

The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey Governor of the State of Arizona 1700 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The Honorable Karen Fann, President Arizona State Senate 1700 W. Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

The Honorable Russell Bowers, Speaker Arizona State House of Representative 1700 W. Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Ducey, President Fann, and Speaker Bowers:

On December 19, 2017, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S) § 36-2903.09, the AHCCCS Administration submitted a waiver amendment request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) seeking authority to implement community engagement requirements and a five-year maximum lifetime benefit limit for certain AHCCCS members.

On January 18, 2019, AHCCCS received approval from CMS to implement community engagement requirements for able-bodied adults on AHCCCS. The community engagement program, called AHCCCS Works, is designed to encourage qualifying members to use existing community services and resources in order to gain and maintain meaningful employment, job training, education, or volunteer service experience.

CMS did not approve Arizona's request to implement a five-year maximum lifetime benefit limit for certain AHCCCS members.

For more information regarding the approval, please see the Agency's website at: <u>https://azahcccs.gov/shared/News/PressRelease/CMSApprovesWaiverRequest.html</u>

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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