

**AHCCCS NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION  
INTENT TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA)**

**Name of the Agency:** Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

**The topic of the public information notice:** Inform the public of AHCCCS intent to submit a State Plan Amendment.

**SPA Title:** Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) Juvenile Justice Requirements and Targeted Case Management

**SPA Overview:** This SPA attests to meeting the Juvenile Justice Requirements of section 5121 of the CAA and authorizes Arizona to provide targeted case management for this population.

**Tribal Consultation:**

AHCCCS consulted with Tribes regarding this SPA on February 4, 2025. Below is a link to more information regarding the tribal consultation meeting.

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/TribalConsultation/>

**State Plan Amendment and Public Comment Period**

The proposed SPA is located on the next page of this document.

Public notice was posted on February 4, 2025.

Comments will be accepted through March 31, 2025.

Comments can be submitted through email or postal mail. The addresses where comments may be sent are provided below.

- Email:  
[publicinput@azahcccs.gov](mailto:publicinput@azahcccs.gov)
- Postal Mail:  
AHCCCS  
Attn: Division of Community Advocacy and Intergovernmental Relations  
801 E. Jefferson St., MD 4200  
Phoenix, AZ 85034

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General assurances. State must indicate compliance with all four items below with a check.

- In accordance with section 1902(a)(84)(D) of the Social Security Act, the state has an internal operational plan and, in accordance with such plan, provides for the following for eligible juveniles as defined in 1902(nn) (individuals who are under 21 years of age and determined eligible for any Medicaid eligibility group, or individuals determined eligible for the mandatory eligibility group for former foster care children age 18 up to age 26, immediately before becoming an inmate of a public institution or while an inmate of a public institution) who are within 30 days of their scheduled date of release from a public institution following adjudication:
  - In the 30 days prior to release (or not later than one week, or as soon as practicable, after release from the public institution), and in coordination with the public institution, any screenings and diagnostic services which meet reasonable standards of medical and dental practice, as determined by the state, or as otherwise indicated as medically necessary, in accordance with the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment requirements, including a behavioral health screening or diagnostic service.
  - In the 30 days prior to release and for at least 30 days following release, targeted case management services, including referrals to appropriate care and services available in the geographic region of the home or residence of the eligible juvenile, where feasible, under the Medicaid state plan (or waiver of such plan).
  
- The state acknowledges that a correctional institution is considered a public institution and may include prisons, jails, detention facilities, or other penal settings (e.g., boot camps or wilderness camps).

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Additional information provided (optional):

- No  
 Yes

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**TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE JUVENILES**

Target Group (42 Code of Federal Regulations 441.18(a)(8)(i) and 441.18(a)(9)):

Eligible juveniles as defined in §1902(nn) (individuals who are under 21 years of age and determined eligible for any Medicaid eligibility group, or individuals determined eligible for the mandatory eligibility group for former foster care children age 18 up to age 26, immediately before becoming an inmate of a public institution or while an inmate of a public institution) who are within 30 days of their scheduled date of release from a public institution following adjudication, and for at least 30 days following release.

Post Release TCM Period beyond 30 day post release minimum requirement:

- State will provide TCM beyond the 30 day post release requirement. TCM will be allowable beyond the 30-day post-release period on a voluntary basis and as determined medically necessary.

Areas of State in which services will be provided (§1915(g)(1) of the Act):

- Entire state

Comparability of services (§§1902(a)(10)(B) and 1915(g)(1)):

- Services are not comparable in amount duration and scope (§1915(g)(1)).

Definition of services (42 CFR 440.169): Targeted case management (TCM) services are defined as services furnished to assist individuals, eligible under the State Plan, in gaining access to needed medical, social, educational and other services.

Targeted Case Management includes the following assistance:

- Comprehensive assessment and periodic reassessment of individual needs, to determine the need for any medical, educational, social or other services. These assessment activities include:
  - taking client history;
  - identifying the individual's needs and completing related documentation; and
  - gathering information from other sources such as family members, medical providers, social workers, and educators (if necessary), to form a complete assessment of the eligible individual;

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The periodic reassessment is conducted every (check all that apply):

- 1 month
- 3 months
- 6 months
- 12 months
- Other frequency:

- Development (and periodic revision) of a specific care plan that is based on the information collected through the assessment that:
  - specifies the goals and actions to address the medical, behavioral, social, educational, and other services needed by the individual;
  - includes activities such as ensuring the active participation of the eligible individual, and working with the individual (or the individual's authorized health care decision maker) and others to develop those goals; and
  - identifies a course of action to respond to the assessed needs of the eligible individual;
- Referral and related activities, including referrals to appropriate care and services available in the geographic region of the home or residence of the eligible juvenile, where feasible (such as scheduling appointments for the individual) to help the eligible individual obtain needed services including:
  - activities that help link the individual with medical, behavioral, social, educational providers, or other programs and services that are capable of providing needed services to address identified needs and achieve goals specified in the care plan; and
- Monitoring and follow-up activities are: activities and contacts that are necessary to ensure the care plan is implemented and adequately addresses the eligible individual's needs, and which may be with the individual, family members, service providers, or other entities or individuals and conducted as frequently as necessary, and including at least one annual monitoring, to determine whether the following conditions are met:

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- services are being furnished in accordance with the individual's care plan;
- services in the care plan are adequate; and
- changes in the needs or status of the individual are reflected in the care plan.

Monitoring and follow-up activities include making necessary adjustments in the care plan and service arrangements with providers.

Frequency of additional monitoring:

Specify the type and frequency of monitoring (check all that apply)

- Telephonic. Frequency: Frequency will be determined by medical necessity.
  - In-person. Frequency: Frequency will be determined by medical necessity.
  - Other:
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- Case management includes contacts with non-eligible individuals that are directly related to identifying the eligible individual's needs and care, for the purposes of helping the eligible individual access services; identifying needs and supports to assist the eligible individual in obtaining services; providing case managers with useful feedback, and alerting case managers to changes in the eligible individual's needs. For instance, a case manager might also work with state children and youth agencies for children who are involved with the foster care system. (42 CFR 440.169(e))
  - If another case manager is involved upon release or for case management after the 30-day post release mandatory service period, states should ensure a warm hand off to transition case management and support continuity of care of needed services that are documented in the person-centered care plan. A warm handoff should include a meeting between the eligible juvenile, and both the pre-release and post-release case manager. It also should include a review of the person-centered care plan and next steps to ensure continuity of case management and follow-up as the eligible juvenile transitions into the community.

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Qualifications of providers (42 CFR 441.18(a)(8)(v) and 42 CFR 441.18(b)): \*In Development\*

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Freedom of choice (42 CFR 441.18(a)(1)):

- The State assures that the provision of case management services will not restrict an individual's free choice of providers in violation of section 1902(a)(23) of the Act.
  1. Eligible individuals will have free choice of any qualified Medicaid provider within the specified geographic area identified in this plan.
  2. Eligible individuals will have free choice of any qualified Medicaid providers of other medical care under the plan.

Freedom of Choice Exception (§1915(g)(1) and 42 CFR 441.18(b)):

- Target group consists of eligible individuals with developmental disabilities or with chronic mental illness. Providers are limited to qualified Medicaid providers of case management services capable of ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities or with chronic mental illness receive needed services:

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Access to Services (42 CFR 441.18(a)(2), 42 CFR 441.18(a)(3), 42 CFR 441.18(a)(6)):

- The state assures the following:
- Case management (including targeted case management) services will not be used to restrict an individual's access to other services under the plan.
  - Individuals will not be compelled to receive case management services, condition receipt of case management (or targeted case management) services on the receipt of other Medicaid services, or condition receipt of other Medicaid services on receipt of case management (or targeted case management) services; and
  - Providers of case management services do not exercise the agency's authority to authorize or deny the provision of other services under the plans.
  - Delivery of TCM and the policies, procedures, and processes developed to support implementation of these provisions are built in consideration of the individuals release and will not effectuate a delay of an individual's release or lead to increased involvement in the juvenile and adult justice systems.

Payment (42 CFR 441.18(a)(4)):

- The state assures payment for case management or targeted case management services under the plan does not duplicate payments made to public agencies or private entities under other program authorities for this same purpose.

Case Records (42 CFR 441.18(a)(7)):

- The state assures providers maintain case records that document for all individuals receiving case management as follows: (i) The name of the individual; (ii) The dates of the case management services; (iii) The name of the provider agency (if relevant) and the person providing the case management service; (iv) The nature, content, units of the case management services received and whether goals specified in the care plan have been achieved; (v) Whether the individual has declined services in the care plan; (vi) The need for, and occurrences of, coordination with other case managers; (vii) A timeline for obtaining needed services; (viii) A timeline for reevaluation of the plan.

Limitations:

- The state assures that case management does not include, and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is not available in expenditures for, services defined in §440.169 when the case management activities are an integral and inseparable component of another covered Medicaid service (State Medicaid Manual (SMM) 4302.F).

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Case management does not include, and Federal Financial Participation (FFP) is not available in expenditures for, services defined in §440.169 when the case management activities constitute the direct delivery of underlying medical, educational, social, or other services to which an eligible individual has been referred, including for foster care programs, services such as, but not limited to, the following: research gathering and completion of documentation required by the foster care program; assessing adoption placements; recruiting or interviewing potential foster care parents; serving legal papers; home investigations; providing transportation; administering foster care subsidies; making placement arrangements. (42 CFR 441.18(c))

FFP only is available for case management services or targeted case management services if there are no other third parties liable to pay for such services, including as reimbursement under a medical, social, educational, or other program except for case management that is included in an individualized education program or individualized family service plan consistent with §1903(c) of the Act. (§§1902(a)(25) and 1905(c))

State has additional limitations