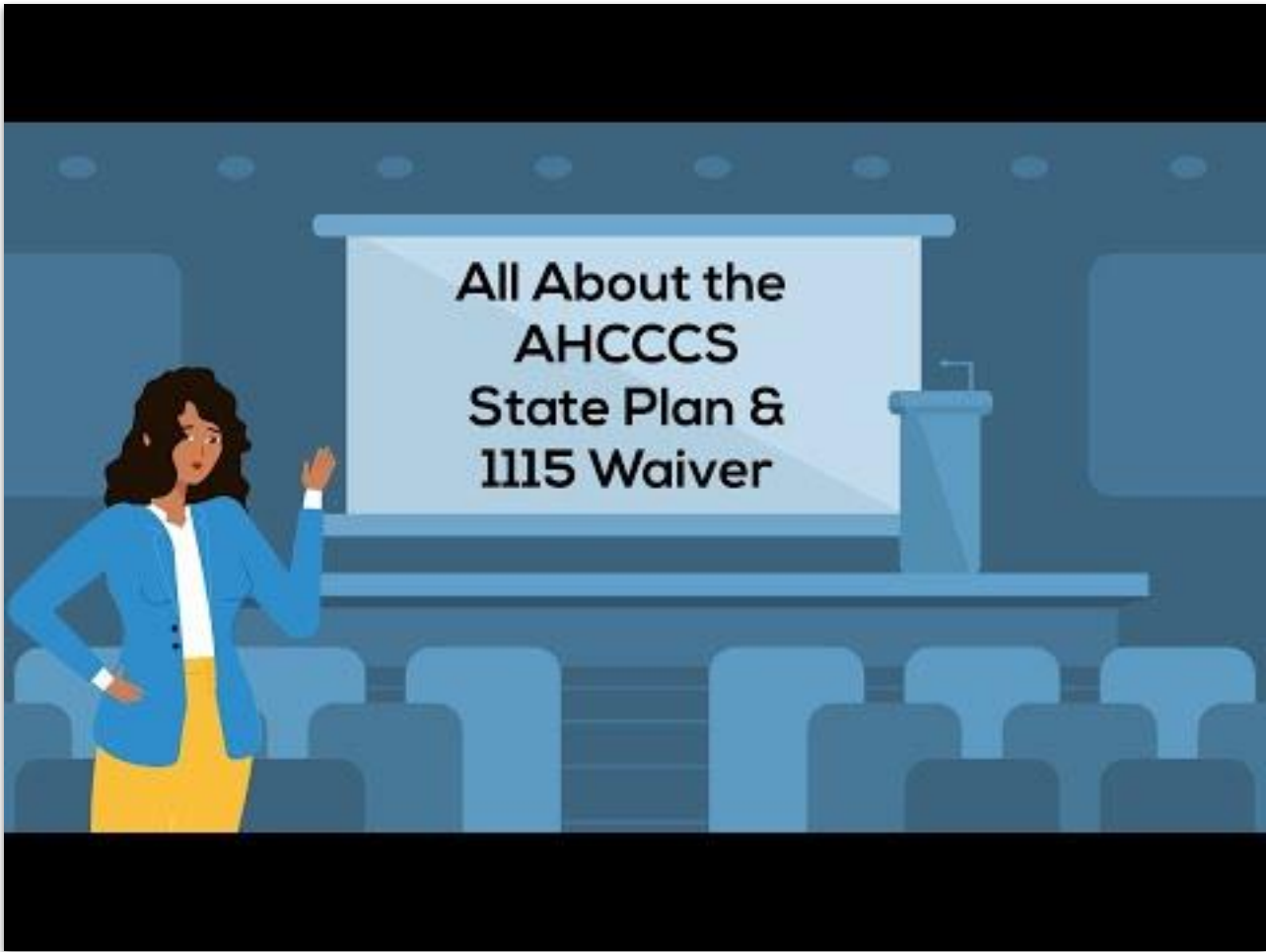




Former Foster Youth Annual Automatic Renewal Waiver Amendment



Section 1115 of the Social Security Act

- Allows states flexibility to design Demonstration projects that promote the objectives of the Medicaid program,
- Demonstration projects are typically approved for a five-year period and can be renewed every five years, and
- Must be budget neutral, meaning that federal spending under the waiver cannot exceed what it would have been in absence of the waiver.

1115 Waiver Renewal Approval

- On Oct.14, 2022 CMS approved Arizona's request for a five-year extension of its 1115 Waiver
 - October 14, 2022 through Sept. 30, 2027
- Continues:
 - Retroactive Eligibility
 - HCBS
 - Managed Care
 - ACC
 - ALTCS
 - CHP
 - ACC-RBHA



1115 Waiver Approval- New Initiatives

- Extended dental coverage for individuals receiving care in an IHS or 638 facility,
- Targeted Investments (TI) 2.0, and
- Housing and Health Opportunities (H20) demonstration.

Requests Subject to Continued Negotiation:

- Traditional Healing services
- Pre-release services for individuals in federal, state, local and tribal correctional facilities.

Former Foster Youth Annual Automatic Renewal

Former Foster Youth Annual Automatic Renewal - Current Program Overview

- Eligible Group: Youth who age out of foster care and are on Medicaid when they reach the age of majority.
- Eligibility Period: After aging out of care until reaching 26 years of age.
- Eligibility Requirements: AZ resident, identify and take action needed to get payments from TPL sources, cooperate with child support enforcement, and apply for potential benefits.
- This is otherwise known as the 'Young Adult Transitional Insurance (YATI)' group.

Former Foster Youth Annual Automatic Renewal: What is changing?

- Maintaining eligibility: Young Adult Transitional Insurance (YATI) eligibility will be automatically renewed without requiring additional information from the individual until the individual reaches 26 years of age.
- Effective Date: Effective upon CMS approval and completion of necessary operational and system modifications.

Former Foster Youth Annual Automatic Renewal- Eligibility Limitations

Coverage may end if:

- The individual reaches 26 years of age,
- The individual ceases to be a resident of the state,
- AHCCCS determines that eligibility was determined incorrectly because of agency error or fraud, abuse or perjury attributed to the individual, or
- The individual dies.

Former Foster Youth Annual Automatic Renewal - Future Steps

Upon CMS approval, the following operational and system modifications will be implemented:

1. System programming to stop generating requests for information related to TPL and application for potential benefits,
2. Policy-revisions,
3. Training updates and staff training on policy change, and
4. Develop and deploy communication plan.

Waiver Proposal/SUPPORT Act Comparison

Authority	Provision	What Changes?	Impact on other YATI initiatives
SUPPORT Act	Youth who received Medicaid at the time they aged out of foster care may qualify for Former Foster Youth (FFY) eligibility, regardless of their state of residence when they aged out.	Provides eligibility under YATI for youth who aged out of care in other states after 12/31/2022.	No impact on proposed renewal changes for Former Foster Youth.
SUPPORT Act	Youth can be eligible for, but not enrolled in, another mandatory group and still be enrolled in the FFY group	State option: May enroll youth who become FFY-eligible after 12/31/2022 in YATI, even if eligible for another group, e.g. Caretaker Relative, Child, Pregnant Woman.	No impact on proposed renewal changes for Former Foster Youth.
1115 Waiver/ A.R.S. § 36-2903.04	Renew eligibility under <u>A.R.S. § 2901(6)(a)(iii)</u> * automatically without requiring additional information unless the youth provides notice of moving out of state or that they may qualify for a different eligibility category.	Once determined eligible for YATI, that eligibility will continue uninterrupted until the youth turns 26, moves out of state, or provides information that puts them in a different category.	No direct conflict with SUPPORT Act provisions

* Under twenty-six years of age and who was in the custody of the department of child safety pursuant to title 8, chapter 4 when the person became eighteen years of age

Public Comments

Public comments or written testimony may be submitted to AHCCCS via:

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Comments are received through February 27, 2023



Resources

Former Foster Youth Amendment Resources

- More information on the Former Foster Youth Annual Automatic Renewal can be found at <https://www.azahcccs.gov/YATIWaiverRequest>.
- The web page includes a summary of Arizona's Demonstration amendment request & the schedule (dates and times) of public forums across the state.