



Parents as Paid Caregivers

Waiver Amendment

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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.

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- 2020:
 - In response to COVID-19 PHE, AHCCCS submitted and received approval for an Appendix K waiver amendment to allow for payments to parents providing caregiving services to minor children.
 - Currently, this program authority extends through November 11, 2023.
- 2023:
 - Based on stakeholder feedback, the agency plans to request authority to make this a permanent feature of the ALTCS program.

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- **Eligible Individuals:** Eligible minor Arizona Long-Term Care (ALTCS) members who require home and community-based services (HCBS).
- **Benefits:**
 - Allows legally responsible parents to receive payment for “extraordinary” direct care services (attendant care, personal care, and homemaker services) approved under the 1115 demonstration waiver, and
 - Parents would be limited to 40 hours of paid care, per child, in a given week and cannot exceed more than 16 hours in a single day.

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- Parents who do provide these services must meet all direct care worker requirements as established by AHCCCS policy including:
 - Being employed/contracted by an AHCCCS Registered Direct Care Service Agency,
 - Passing specific direct care worker competency tests, and
 - Demonstrating compliance with Electronic Visit Verification (EVV) per the 21st Century Cures Act.
- Parents who provide these services must also maintain quarterly in-person case management visits as well as agency supervisory visits.

Extended Family Support & Home Care Maintenance

- As an auxiliary support to the PPCG proposal, the Agency is proposing to establish a home care training family support (family support) service for the long-term care population.
- Currently, a comparable service is available to AHCCCS members with a behavioral health need under the rehabilitation benefit in the agency's State Plan.

Extended Family Support & Home Care Maintenance

- **Eligible Individuals:** Primary caregivers of children and adults enrolled in the Arizona Long Term Care System who are residing at home.
- **Benefits:** Family supports may involve activities such as:
 - Assisting the family to learn skills related to adjustment to the member's disability or aging process or significant life events or transitions,
 - Enhancing and improving the health and wellbeing of the member and family unit,
 - Navigating the health care system,
 - Self-advocacy, and more.

Parents as Paid Caregivers - Goals

- Mitigate DCW shortage and other access to care challenges by allowing payments to parents who serve as paid caregivers for their minor children,
- Increase member satisfaction and promote positive health and well-being outcomes for the target population,
- Extend an additional support service to restore, enhance, and maintain family functioning to preserve effective care for the member in the home and community, and
- Ensure that members receive high-quality care while increasing timely accessibility to care providers.

Parents as Paid Caregivers - Future Steps

- Upon CMS approval, the following operational and system modifications will be implemented:
 - Policy Revisions
 - MCO network development for the family support service
 - Case Manager Training
 - Member and family member education and outreach



Resources

Parents as Paid Caregivers Resources

- More information on the Parents as Paid Caregivers Waiver Amendment can be found at www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Federal/PendingWaivers/ParentCareGivers.html.
- The web page includes a summary of Arizona's Demonstration amendment request & the schedule (dates and times) of public forums across the state.

Public Comments

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

waiverpublicinput@azahcccs.gov

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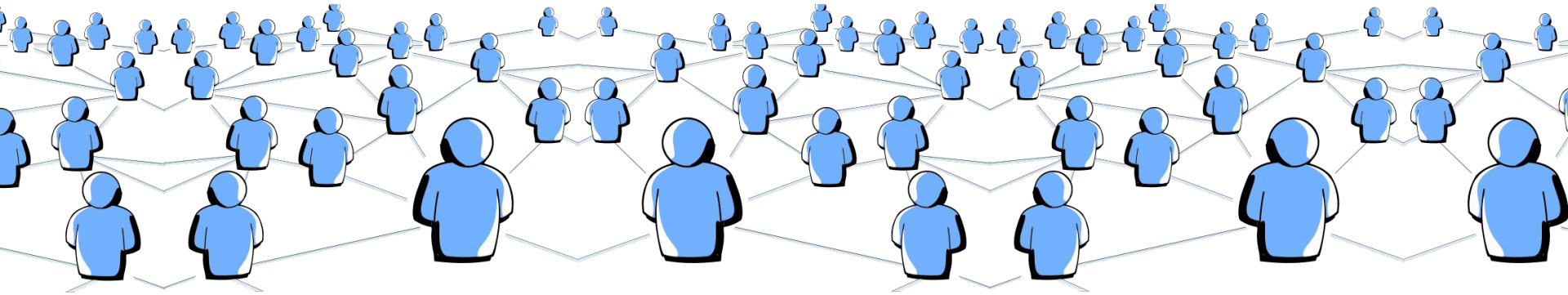
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