

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES
CHAPTER 29. ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM
MEDICARE COST SHARING PROGRAM

PREAMBLE

1. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable) Rulemaking Action:

R9-29-210

Amend

2. Citations to the agency's statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. § 36-2972

Implementing statute: A.R.S. § 36-2972

3. Citations to all related notices published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A) that pertain to the record of the proposed rule:

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: [to be filled in by SOS editor]

4. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:

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5. An agency's justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

42 CFR 435.914 requires the Administration to provide Prior Quarter (PQ) eligibility. A.R.S. § 36-2903 (A) provides reimbursement responsibility for care provided during an eligibility period. Currently, the Administration is waived from providing PQ eligibility. The waiver expires December 31, 2013. The Administration will need to implement prior quarter eligibility requirements effective January 1, 2014.

6. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and proposes either to rely on or not to rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

A study was not referenced or relied upon when implementing PQ eligibility.

7. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable.

8. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

The Administration anticipates a moderate economic impact on the implementing agency, small businesses and consumers. The increased eligibility period is estimated to cost \$13.8 million, with approximately 500,000 members in all Medicaid programs affected if the Governors Medicaid proposal is approved. For SFY2014 we estimate the cost to be \$7 million since one of the goals for Health Care Reform mandatory coverage for everyone should eliminate gaps in coverage minimizing PQ eligibility.

9. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the economic, small business and consumer impact statement:

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10. The time, place, and nature of the proceedings to make, amend, repeal, or renumber the rule, or if no proceeding is scheduled, where, when, and how persons may request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule:

Proposed rule language will be available on the AHCCCS website www.azahcccs.gov the week of May 6, 2013. Please send written or email comments to the above address by the close of the comment period, 5:00 p.m., July 1, 2013.

Date: July 1, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: AHCCCS
701 East Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034
Nature: Public Hearing

Date: July 1, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: ALTCS: Arizona Long-Term Care System
1010 N. Finance Center Dr, Suite 201
Tucson, AZ 85710
Nature: Public Hearing

Date: July 1, 2013
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: 2717 N. 4th St. STE 130
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
Nature: Public Hearing

11. All agencies shall list other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additionally, an agency subject to Council review under A.R.S. §§ 41-1052 and 41-1055 shall respond to the following questions:

No other matters have been prescribed.

a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:

Not applicable

b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

Not applicable

c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule's impact of the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:

No analysis was submitted.

12. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:

None

13. The full text of the rules follows:

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ARTICLE 2. ELIGIBILITY

Section

R9-29-210. Effective Date of Eligibility

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R9-29-210. Effective Date of Eligibility

- A. QMB. The effective date of eligibility is the first day of the month following the month in which AHCCCS makes the eligibility decision.
- B. SLMB. ~~The effective date of eligibility is the first day of the first month AHCCCS determines the person is eligible under this Article, but no earlier than the first day of the month of application.~~ Eligibility is effective on the first day of the month that all eligibility requirements are met, including the period described under R9-22-303.
- C. QI-1. ~~The effective date of eligibility is the first day of the first month AHCCCS determines the person is eligible under this Article, but no earlier than the first day of the month of application.~~ Eligibility is effective on the first day of the month that all eligibility requirements are met, including the period described under R9-22-303 and no earlier than the first day of the current calendar year. QI-1 members are entitled to receive cost sharing assistance through the end of the calendar year in which they qualified for the program.