



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2367

AHCCCS; annual waiver submittals

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DP Committee on Reform and Human Services

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X As Transmitted to the Governor

OVERVIEW

HB 2367 requires the Director (Director) of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) to apply the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) by March 30 of each year for waivers or amendments to the current Section 1115 Waiver.

HISTORY

Laws 1981, Chapter 1, established AHCCCS. AHCCCS is Arizona's Medicaid program that oversees contracted health plans for the delivery of health care to individuals and families who qualify for Medicaid and other medical assistance programs. Through contracted health plans across the state, AHCCCS delivers health care to qualifying individuals including low-income adults, their children or people with certain disabilities.

AHCCCS provides medical assistance programs for acute care, long term care and contracts with the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Behavioral Health Services to bring behavioral health services to its acute care members. The Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) program is for individuals over the age of 65 or older, are blind, disabled or need continuing assistance at a nursing facility level of care. As of January 2014 there are approximately 1.26 million individuals enrolled in the AHCCCS program.

PROVISIONS

- Requires on or before March 1 of each year, the Director of AHCCCS to apply to CMS for waivers or amendments to the current Section 1115 Waiver to allow the State to:
 - Institute a work requirement for all able-bodied adults receiving Medicaid services. The work requirement must:
 - Require an eligible person to either become employed, actively seek employment to be verified by AHCCCS, and attend a job training program.
 - Require an eligible person to verify on a monthly basis compliance with requirements directly noted above and any change in family income.
 - Require AHCCCS to confirm an eligible person's change in family income and re-determine the person's eligibility.
 - Allow AHCCCS to ban an eligible person from enrollment for one year if the eligible person failed to report a change in family income or made a false statement regarding compliance related to becoming employed, actively seeking employment and attending a job training program.
 - Allow for an exemption if a person meets any of the following conditions:
 - Is at least 18 years of age but is still attending high school as a full time student.
 - Is the sole caregiver of a family member who is under five years of age.

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- Is currently receiving temporary or permanent long-term disability benefits from a private insurer or from the government.
- Restrict benefits for able-bodied adults to a lifetime limit of five years unless the person meets any of the following conditions:
 - Is pregnant.
 - Is the sole caregiver of a family member who is under five years of age.
 - Is currently receiving temporary or permanent long-term disability benefits from a private insurer or from the government.
 - Is at least 18 years of age but is still attending high school as a full-time student.
 - Is employed full time but continues to meet the income eligibility requirements under this article.
- Develop and impose meaningful copayments to deter both:
 - The nonemergency use of emergency departments: and
 - The use of ambulance services for nonemergency transportation or when it is not medically necessary.
- Requires the Director on or before April 1 of each year to submit a letter confirming the submission of the waiver requests to the governor and the legislature.
- Defines *able-bodied* and *adult*.