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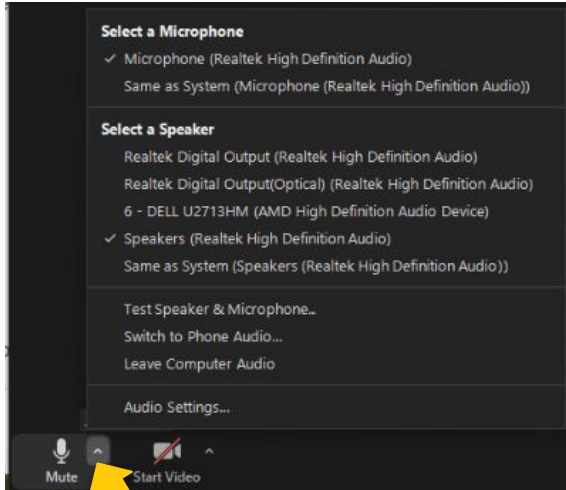
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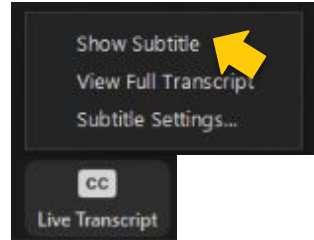
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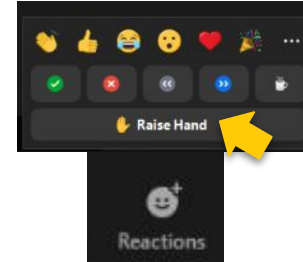
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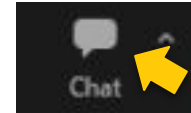
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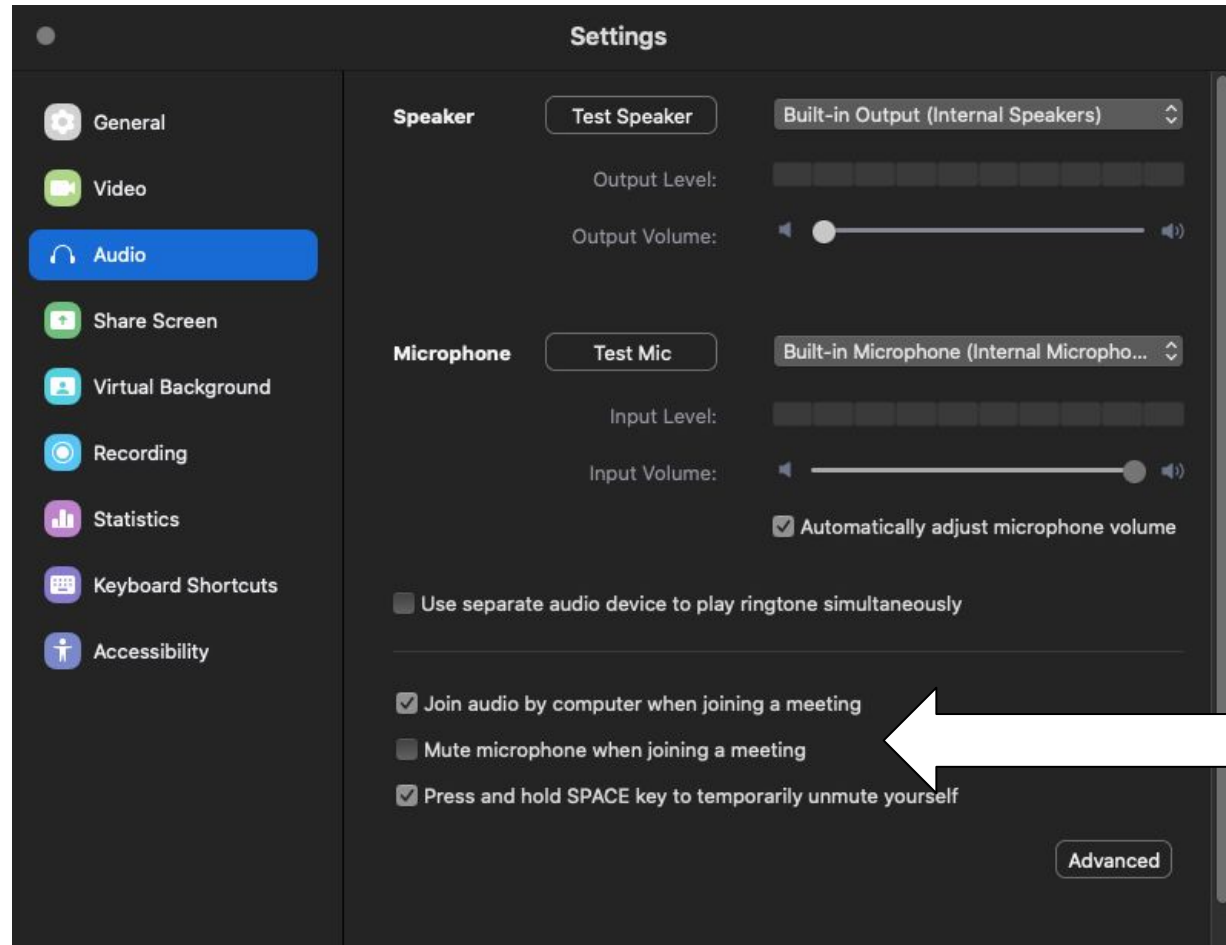


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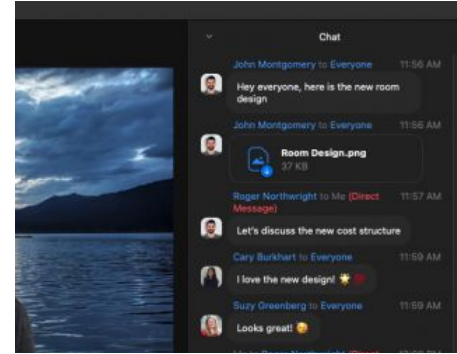
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# State Medicaid Advisory Committee (SMAC) Quarterly Meeting

July 10, 2024



# AHCCCS CEO Updates

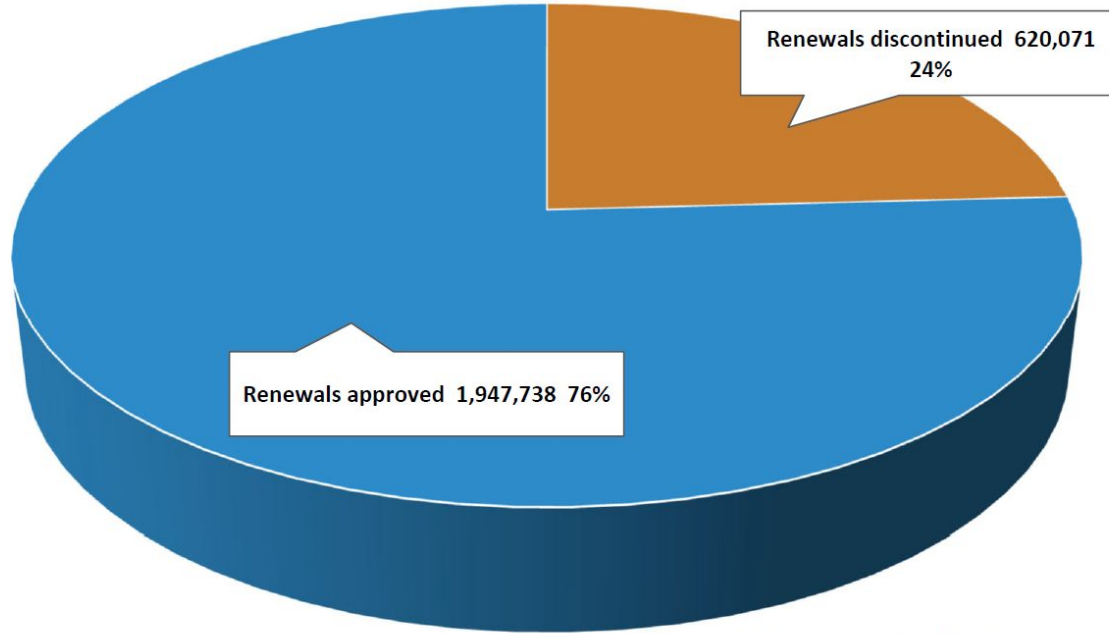
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# AHCCCS Updates

- The Unwinding
- *Sober Living* Fraud, Waste and Abuse
- Recent Federal Rulemaking
- Budget Implications for AHCCCS

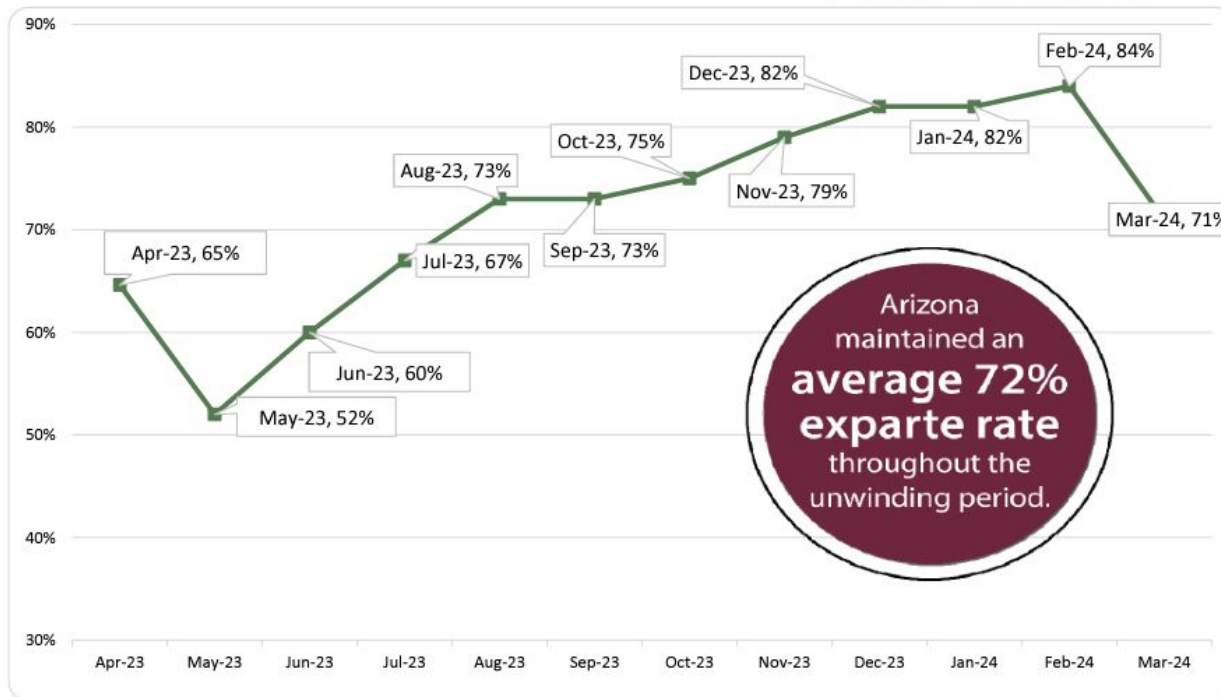


# The Unwinding, Unwound



Total Planned Renewals: 2,545,454

\*Total Renewals Completed: 2,567,809

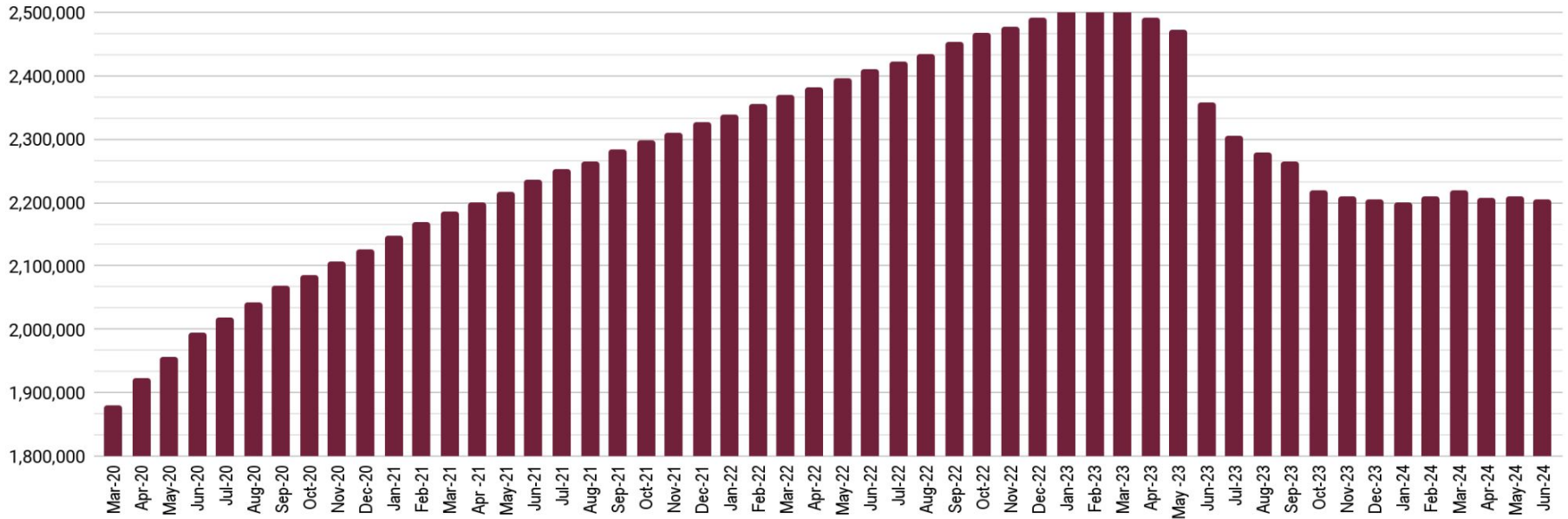


Exparte approvals occur when AHCCCS has enough information through electronic sources to renew Medicaid eligibility automatically without member or state staff intervention. Our electronic sources include real-time data from State and Federal databases including but not limited to: earned income verification from Equifax, residency verification from DMV, citizenship, Medicare and other income information from SSA, and more.

Data calculations were modified in August 2023 to match CMS reporting criteria.

March 2024 renewal populations had a higher number of earned income results found by federal hub sources.

# AHCCCS Population: March 2020 - June 2024







# Sobering Living Fraud, Waste and Abuse

# May 16th: A Year in Review



# Suspensions for Credible Allegations of Fraud

Since May 2023, AHCCCS has suspended payments to **306** providers for credible allegations of fraud.

Current status	Number of Providers (since May 2023)
Payment suspension and open law enforcement case	286
Provider Quality of Care terminations	90
Provider moratorium application denials	229
Rescinded suspensions	40
Suspensions upheld at state fair hearing	28

# Recent & Upcoming FWA Reforms

- Provider Moratorium Extension
- Covered Behavioral Health Services Guide
  - 7/1 Public Release
  - 10/1 Effective Date
- AI bots to support provider enrollment
- AIHP eligibility verification (currently working with Tribes)

# Tribal Outreach Campaign

**Know  
the red  
flags.**

Protect yourself and your family from dishonest health providers. Learn the warning signs to stay safe.



AHCCCS  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

**Stronger.  
Together.**



AHCCCS  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System

**Hope is just  
around the  
corner.**



**Get help.  
Get hope.**

Find treatment for mental health and addiction challenges.



# [www.azahcccs.gov/SoberLivingFraud](http://www.azahcccs.gov/SoberLivingFraud)

New web page includes:

- Year in Review Document
- One-Page Information Sheets
- Fact Sheet
- Newsroom
- Outreach Information
- Resources for Members & Providers

# Humanitarian Response

30,000+ Calls to 2-1-1 (press 7) Hotline

10,000+ Victims Directly Served

103 Requests for Out of State Transportation

Response/Resource	Total Members
Phone calls to 211*7 hotline for resources	31,994
Hotel - Temporary Lodging	3,848
Out-of-state Transports (Top 3 States)	115 NM (37), MT (27), CA (5)



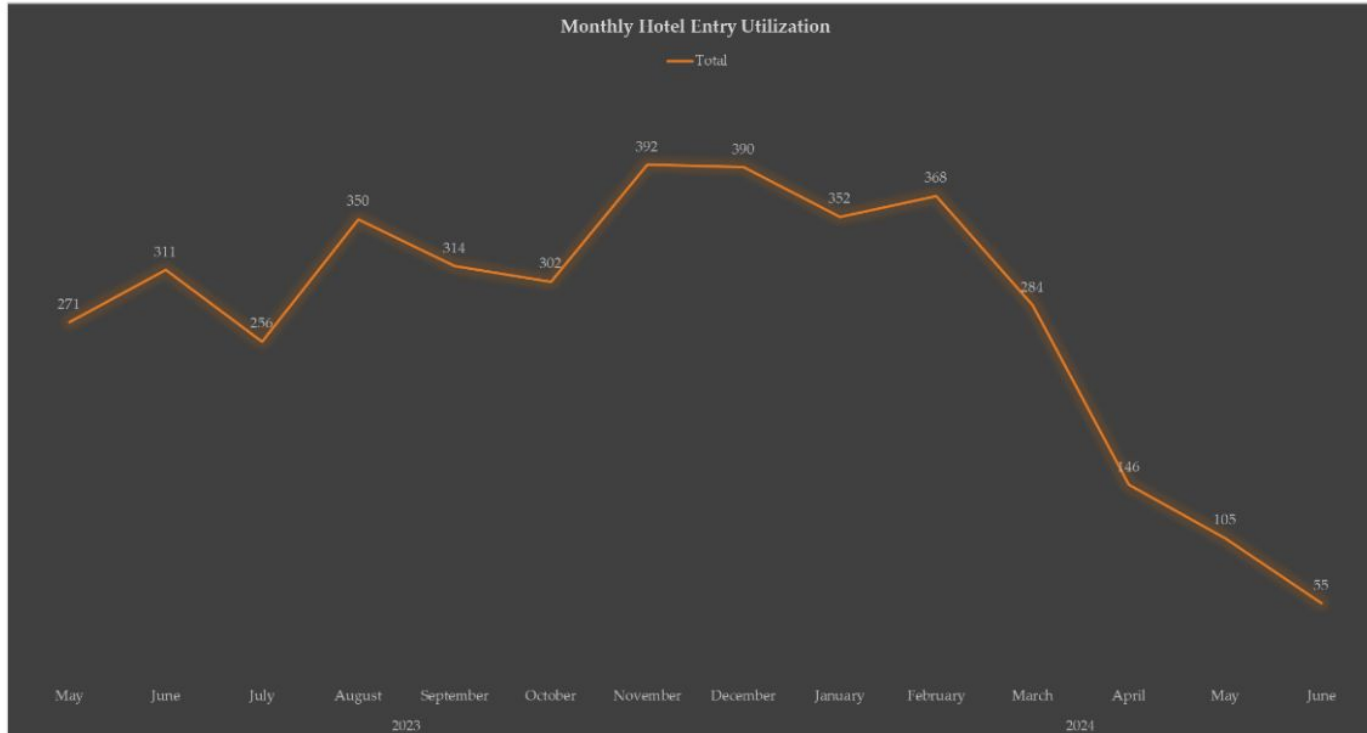
# Number of Calls to Solari by Week



Total calls to Solari 32,883. Calls have been removed for ease of viewing.



# Monthly Hotel Entry Utilization



# FWA Humanitarian Response: The Next Phase

## What's next?

- Moving from Crisis Response to Maintenance
  - Current response includes: 3 lodging locations, daily meals, care coordination, transport to lodging, transportation to work/school, travel home to other states, 211(press 7) resource hotline
- Working with Tribes on a phasedown plan



# Federal Rulemaking

# Access to Care Rules

## Major Provisions:

- **Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)** to be created, comprised of beneficiaries, their families or caregivers.
- **Appointment wait-time standards** are established for primary care and select additional services.
- **Direct care worker compensation** - 80% of all Medicaid payments for select HCBS must go toward DCWs.
- **New HCBS requirements** for person-centered plans and incident management systems.

# Nursing Facility Staffing and Payment Rules

## Major Provisions

- **Nurse staffing standards** based on hours per resident day, including care from a RN and nurse aide.
- **Reporting on DCW Compensation** - Requires states to collect and report on the percent of Medicaid payments that are spent on direct care worker compensation.
- **Nursing Facility Assessment Requirements** - Evidence-based patient assessments and requiring a staffing plan.



# State Budget Implications

# On the Horizon

- **ALTCS E/PD contracts start 10/1/24**
- **1115 Approval Implementation (10/1/2024)**
  - Targeted Investments 2.0
  - Housing and Health Opportunities Demonstration (H20)
- **CMS Negotiations Continuing**
  - Reimbursement for traditional healing services
  - Reimbursement for services pre-release
  - Former foster youth continuous eligibility
- **MES Roadmap**
  - Awarded a System Integrator (SI) contract; will begin implementation upon CMS approval
- **ARP Program Awards for HCBS providers**
  - 1st round awarded \$17 million
- **Continued roll out of CommunityCares (Closed-Loop Referral System)**
- **CHW Enrollment Training/Resources**
- **Continued support for the [Opioid Services Locator](#) tool**
- **Continued system improvements to combat fraud and member exploitation**
- **Federal Rulemaking: Access to Care and Nursing Facility Staffing Rules**

# Open Discussion





# Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Overview

Dr. Megan Woods

Integrated Care Administrator

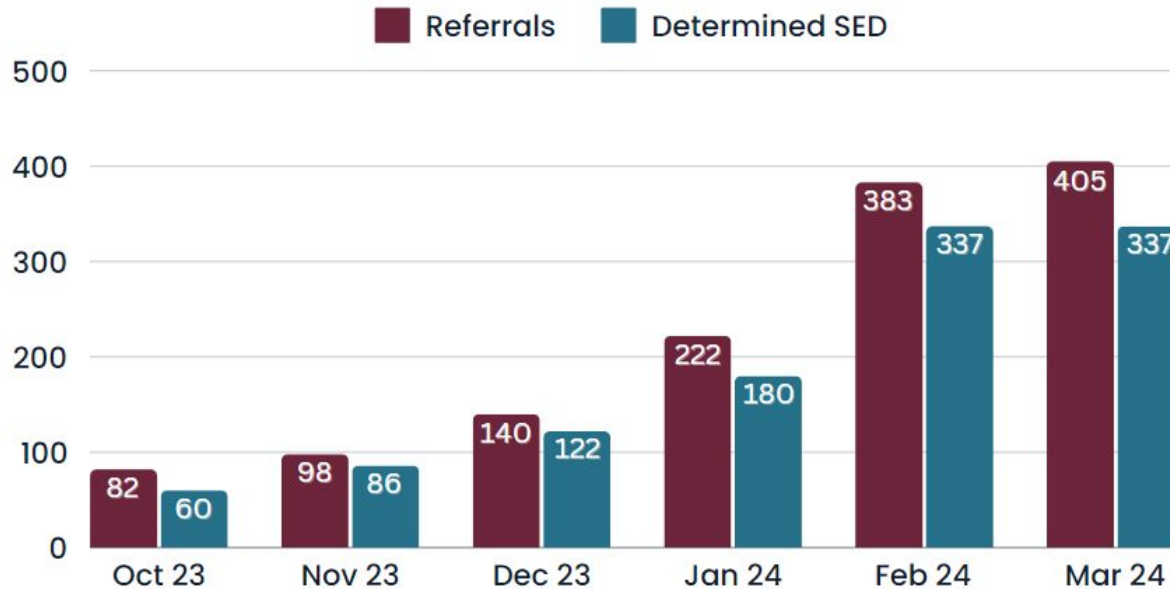
Division of Behavioral Health and Housing

# SED Contract with Solari

- AHCCCS awarded the statewide SED and SMI Eligibility Determination contract to Solari effective October 1, 2023.
  - SED Determination FAQs are posted on the AHCCCS website at: [www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/Downloads/HealthPlans/SED\\_EligibilityDeterminationsFAQs.pdf](http://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/Downloads/HealthPlans/SED_EligibilityDeterminationsFAQs.pdf)
- Formal process for SED determinations allows for clinicians to follow a similar process to what currently exists for SMI eligibility determinations.
  - Final designation is made by the determining entity-Solari to provide an objective and standardized protocol.

# SED Referrals Received and Determinations

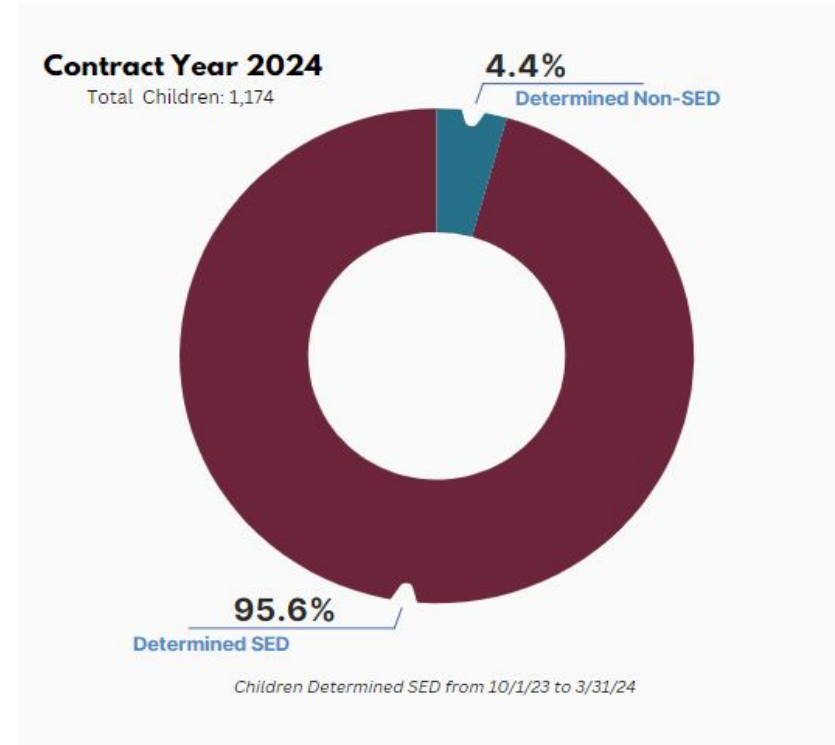
## Contract Year 2024



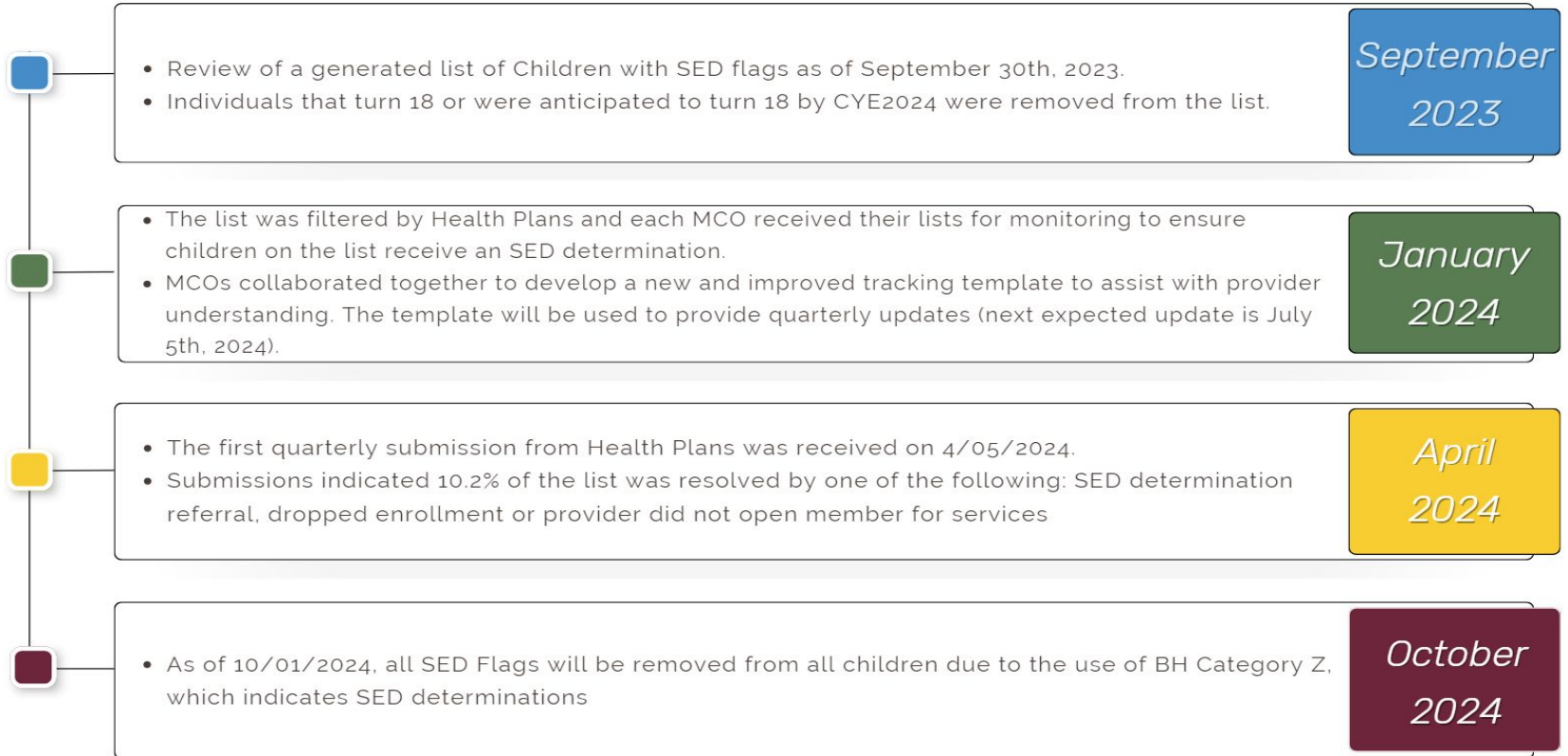
Total Referrals Received: 1,330

# SED Pilot Project Implementation Updates

- Majority of those not determined SED are due to inability to demonstrate functional impairment.
  - Others include not meeting diagnostic qualifications
- SSR being authorized with the following portal updates:
  - Radio buttons to indicate state-only,
  - Report option to identify assessing provider,
  - Reasons of SED denial



# SED Flag Monitoring



# Solari Resources

Jennifer Janzen - Eligibility Education and Training Coordinator

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520-727-3005 or 480-273-3847

Dr. Korey Hawkins – Manager, Eligibility Clinical Operations

[Korey.Hawkins@solari-inc.org](mailto:Korey.Hawkins@solari-inc.org)

602-531-8731

Website: [community.solari-inc.org/](https://community.solari-inc.org/) Includes Tips, Application, Required Forms, Submission Instructions, FAQ's, etc.

# Questions?

For further inquiries, please email [systemofcare@azahcccs.gov](mailto:systemofcare@azahcccs.gov)

# Open Discussion





# Legislative Updates

Willa Murphy

Chief Legislative Liaison

Office of the Director

# 2024 Legislative Session Timeline

- January 8 – Start of Legislative Session
- January to March – Regular committees.
- April to June – Budget negotiations, non-regular committees.
- Week of June 10– Budget week
- June 16 – Legislature adjourns sine die



# Legislative Highlights

- **Agency Bills/Initiatives:**
  - SB 1250 (“AHCCCS; claims”) signed into law 3/29/2024.
  - HB 2764 (“long-term care; enforcement; memory care”) signed into law 4/8/2024.
- **Additional bills of note:**
  - HB 2520 (“Community health centers; graduate education”)
  - SB 1609 (“Behavioral Health; AHCCCS; health facilities”)
  - SB 1311 (“Mental Health; oversight; data; documentation”)

# AHCCCS Bills/Budget Provisions:

*(Not all inclusive)*

- Ongoing funding for MES updates and IT projects
- 101 FTEs for AHCCCS FFS program
- Hospital Assessment Model Changes
- SMI Case Management Provider Wage Increases

# Open Discussion



# ALTCS - Elderly and Physically Disabled (EPD)

## Readiness and Member Transition Updates

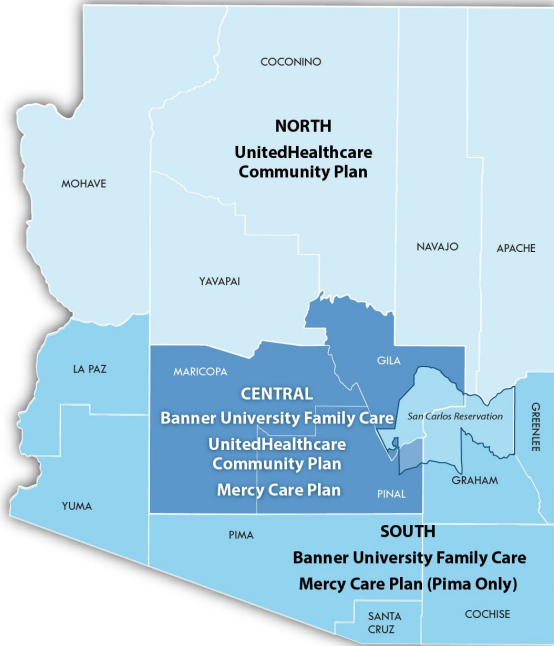
Christina Quast, Deputy Assistant Director, Division of  
Health Care Services

# Current/Future State - ALTCS EPD Health Plans

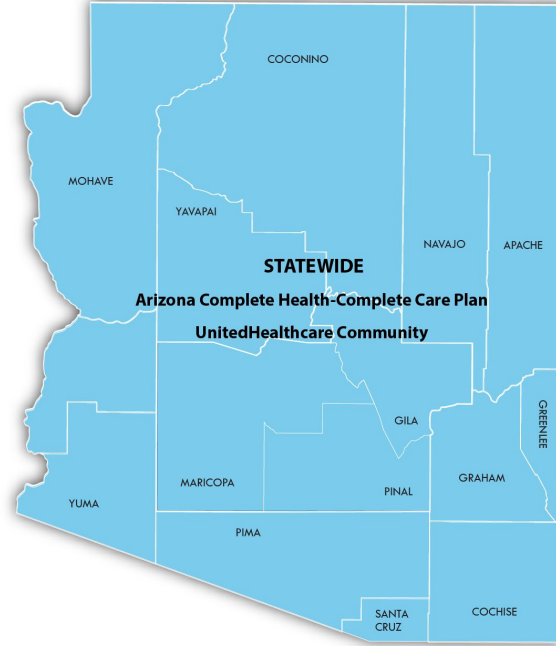
- **The current ALTCS EPD Health Plans are the following plans - until October 1, 2024:**
  - **United Healthcare Community Plan (UHCCP)** in the Central GSA (Maricopa, Gila, Pinal) and North GSA (Mohave, Apache, Coconino, Navajo, and Yavapai)
  - **Banner-University Family Care** in the Central GSA (Maricopa, Gila, Pinal) and South GSA (Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, La Paz, Pima, Santa Cruz, and Yuma)
  - **Mercy Care Plan** - in the Central GSA (Maricopa, Gila, Pinal) and Pima County Only
- **The ALTCS EPD Health Plans starting October 1, 2024 are:**
  - **United Healthcare Community Plan (UHCCP)** - Statewide (North, Central, and South GSAs)
  - **Arizona Complete Health (AzCH)** - Statewide (North, Central, and South GSAs)

# Geographic Maps of ALTCS EPD Health Plans

**CURRENT EPD HEALTH PLANS**



**OCTOBER 2024 EPD HEALTH PLANS**



Excludes the Tribal ALTCS Program. Refer to the following link for information about Tribal ALTCS - [azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/LongTermCareCaseManagement/](http://azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/LongTermCareCaseManagement/)



# ALTCS-EPD Health Plan Readiness Information

- AHCCCS conducts a comprehensive series of activities to assess the health plans' readiness to ensure the health plans are adequately prepared:
  - To meet the needs of the population served, and
  - To meet requirements and processes of the newly awarded Contract
- Readiness activities are an ongoing process which will continue beyond October 1, 2024 to ensure health plans meet contract requirements

# ALTCS-EPD Health Plan Readiness Information

- AHCCCS began meeting with the awarded health plans in the Spring 2024 and is regularly reviewing member transitions and health plan readiness to ensure that the health plans are prepared to begin offering services October 1, 2024
- Each health plan with transitioning members has designated a transition coordinator as the main point of contact for the health plans. (see Contact Information Slide)

# ALTCS-EPD Health Plan Readiness Information

- Critical areas reviewed during readiness include:
  - Service delivery (for example, case management and utilization review)
  - Provider network capacity
  - Health care operations and administration
  - Financial management
  - Member and provider communication
  - Continuity of member care

# ALTCS-EPD Health Plan Readiness - Network

- AHCCCS has provided utilization data files to the awarded health plans. The awarded health plans will use these files to support their efforts in provider contracting.
  - Data includes a list of the top 100 providers based on ALTCS member utilization of services related to physical health, behavioral health, ALTCS facilities, and in-home HCBS services in each county
- Each health plan has designated a point of contact for provider network inquiries (see Contact Information Slide)

# ALTCS-EPD Health Plan Readiness - Network

- Using information about the health plan's provider network is one piece of information members can use to choose a health plan
  - Are my current provider(s) in the health plan's network?
  - Are there any providers I was thinking about switching to in the health plan's network?
- AHCCCS is using information on some of members' key service providers to assign you to a health plan:
  - In-home providers
  - Residential providers
  - Nursing facility providers
- Members can choose a different health plan than the one assigned

# ALTCS-EPD Health Plan Readiness - Network

- Using information about the health plan's provider network:
  - Supports health plans to achieve network sufficiency by identifying providers who are actively serving members
  - Provides the health plans and providers an opportunity to explore contracting opportunities

# ALTCES-EPD Health Plan Readiness - Network

*(as of 06/17/2024)*

County	# of Unique Top Providers	% Contracting Completed		% Contracting In Process	
		AzCH	UHCCP	AzCH	UHCCP
Apache	34	73.5%	76.5%	8.8%	2.9%
Coconino	52	76.9%	92.3%	13.5%	3.8%
Mohave	56	80.4%	91.1%	12.5%	7.1%
Navajo	42	88.1%	92.9%	9.5%	4.8%
Yavapai	40	72.5%	90.0%	17.5%	0.0%
Gila	36	61.1%	91.7%	33.3%	2.8%
Pinal	60	78.3%	71.7%	15.0%	18.3%
Maricopa	90	76.7%	91.1%	20.0%	3.3%

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(as of 06/17/2024)

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<b>Cochise</b>	35	91.4%	91.4%	5.7%	2.9%
<b>Graham</b>	35	88.6%	80.0%	8.6%	8.6%
<b>Greenlee</b>	2	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>La Paz</b>	15	100.0%	86.7%	0.0%	13.3%
<b>Pima</b>	67	83.6%	88.1%	6.0%	11.9%
<b>Santa Cruz</b>	19	78.9%	78.9%	5.3%	5.3%
<b>Yuma</b>	44	84.1%	79.5%	13.6%	15.9%



# ALTCES-EPD Member Transition Information

- AHCCCS completed selective assignment activities, which included a review of members' use of services in order to maintain provider continuity as much as possible based on specific providers currently serving the member
- Selective assignment was completed resulting in a match of 95% of members' primary ALTCES providers
  - Nursing Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, primary HCBS in home provider, and other primary provider (e.g. BHRF)
- Members were assigned to either Arizona Complete Health or United for October 1, 2024
- Members will be given a time period to choose a different plan
- Members who do not choose a different health plan, will remain with the plan they were assigned to by AHCCCS

# ALTCS-EPD Member Transition Information

- Members will receive enrollment notices from AHCCCS outlining their newly assigned health plan and choice option
- The notice will also provide instructions for the member to choose a health plan within a 30 day time period
  - Members can make the choice themselves through the AHCCCS Choice Portal or call AHCCCS directly (see Contact Information Slide)

# ALTCS-EPD Member Transition Information

- Health plans are required to ensure a smooth transition for members by not discontinuing a member's service plan for 90 days after the member transition, regardless of the network status of a provider, unless mutually agreed to by the member or responsible party
- Additionally, detailed transition requirements are posted [in the Procurement requirements](#)
  - Including but not limited to hospitalizations, primary care, pharmacy, and laboratory services (refer to next slides for more information)

# ALTCS-EPD Member Transition Information

- Members hospitalized at the time of transition
  - The relinquishing health plan shall notify the hospital and attending physician of the pending transition prior to the date of the transition and instruct the providers to contact the receiving health plan for authorization of continued services.
  - If the relinquishing health plan fails to provide notification the relinquishing health plan is responsible for coverage of services rendered to the hospitalized member for up to 30 days
  - This includes, but is not limited to, elective surgeries for which the relinquishing health plan issued prior authorization

# ALTCS-EPD Member Transition Information

- Services provided by a primary care provider
  - The health plan shall provide, at a minimum, a 90-day transition period for members who have an established relationship with a PCP who does not participate in the health plan's provider network
  - During the 90-day transition the member may continue to seek care from their established PCP while the member and/or health plan finds an alternative PCP within the health plan's provider network

# ALTCS-EPD Member Transition Information

- Pharmacy services
  - The receiving health plan is required to extend previously approved prior authorizations for a period of 90 days from the date of the member's transition unless a different time period is mutually agreed to by the member or member's representative
- Laboratory Services
  - The receiving health plan is required to ensure members receiving mobile lab services at the time of transition are able to continue utilizing mobile lab services with providers who do not participate in the health plan's provider network

# ALTCS-EPD Readiness and Transition Information

- More information on Readiness and Transition is available in the AHCCCS ALTCS-EPD Contract FAQ document:
  - [www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Downloads/ALTCSEPD/ALTCS-EPD\\_FAQ.pdf](http://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Downloads/ALTCSEPD/ALTCS-EPD_FAQ.pdf)
- More information regarding each health plan is available on their websites:
  - [UnitedHealthcare Community Plan](#)
    - [Provider directory lookup](#)
  - [Arizona Complete Health-Complete Care Plan](#)
    - [Provider directory lookup](#)

# ALTCS-EPD Readiness and Transition

## Contact Information

- AHCCCS - Questions, Comments, Feedback: [MCOTransitions@azahcccs.gov](mailto:MCOTransitions@azahcccs.gov)
- AHCCCS - Customer Service Call Line: 1-602-417-7000 or 1-800-334-5283
- Health Plan Transition Coordinators
  - Arizona Complete Health-Long Term Care -
    - Caitlin Denning - [caitlin.denning@azcompletehealth.com](mailto:caitlin.denning@azcompletehealth.com)
  - UnitedHealthcare Community Plan -
    - Stephen Burroughs - [stephen\\_burroughs@uhc.com](mailto:stephen_burroughs@uhc.com)
- Health Plan Provider Network Inquiries
  - Arizona Complete Health-Long Term Care - [azchnetdevaltcs@azcompletehealth.com](mailto:azchnetdevaltcs@azcompletehealth.com)
  - UnitedHealthcare Community Plan - Ishah Whipple - [Ishah\\_whipple@uhc.com](mailto:Ishah_whipple@uhc.com)
- Health Plan Customer Service Phone Numbers
  - Arizona Complete Health-Long Term Care - 1-833-236-7979
  - UnitedHealthcare Community Plan - 1-800-293-3740



# ALTCS-EPD Readiness and Transition Forums



# ALTCS-EPD Readiness and Transition Forums

- Readiness preparation will be covered at various stakeholder meetings beginning in April 2024
- AHCCCS will also host member and provider information forums beginning in June 2024
- See the next slide for the schedule of upcoming forums

# ALTCS-EPD Readiness and Transition Forums

<p>AHCCCS Community Forum Registration Information can also be found on the <a href="#">AHCCCS Calendar</a></p>	
AHCCCS Hot Topics	<p>June 17, 2024 <a href="#">Register</a></p>
Community Forum - Provider Directed	<p>June 17, 2024 <a href="#">Register</a>                  June 18, 2024 <a href="#">Register</a></p>
Community Forum - Member Directed	<p>July 8, 2024 <a href="#">Register</a>                  July 11, 2024 <a href="#">Register</a>                  September 16, 2024 <a href="#">Register</a>                  September 18, 2024 <a href="#">Register</a></p>
AHCCCS Community Forum	<p>July 15, 2024 <a href="#">Register</a></p>
AHCCCS Tribal Consultation	<p>August 5, 2024 <a href="#">AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Information</a></p>

# ALTCS-EPD Readiness and Transition Forums

## HEALTH PLAN PROVIDER FORUMS

<p><b>Arizona Complete Health</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.azcompletehealth.com/">https://www.azcompletehealth.com/</a></p>	<p><b>July 18, 2024 - Prescott</b> <b>August 8, 2024 - Yuma</b> <b>August 29, 2024 - Tucson</b> <b>September 10, 2024 - Tempe</b> <b>September 19, 2024 - Virtual</b></p>
<p><b>United Healthcare</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.uhc.com/communityplan">https://www.uhc.com/communityplan</a></p>	<p><b>August 14, 2024 - Targeted Audience: SNF providers</b> <b>August 20, 2024 - Targeted Audience: HCBS providers</b> <b>August 23, 2024 - Targeted Audience: BH &amp; PH providers</b></p> <p><i>All forums will be virtual</i></p>

# Open Discussion



# Federal Policy Updates

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# AHCCCS Federal Policy Overview

AHCCCS' Federal Relations team maintains the two federal policy documents which govern Medicaid and CHIP in Arizona:

1. **State Plan:** A 900+ page document describing various components of AHCCCS (e.g. member eligibility, available services, payment rates) permissible under federal law.
2. **1115 Waiver:** A document which grants us flexibility to design Demonstration projects that promote the objectives of the Medicaid program not otherwise authorized under federal law.

# Changes to AHCCCS Federal Policy

Changes to AHCCCS Federal Policy occur through:

1. **State Plan Amendments (SPAs)**: SPAs may be used to alter the State Plan within the framework of federal law and are typically approved within 90-days.
2. **1115 Amendment Requests** may be submitted to pilot new and innovative projects. They have longer negotiation timelines and are typically approved for 5 year periods that can be renewed.



# State Plan Amendment (SPA) Updates

- **Prescribed Drug Shortage SPA**

This SPA proposes to authorize coverage of certain drugs when the FDA allows temporary importation of non-FDA approved drugs to mitigate the effects of a drug shortage.

- **Doula Services**

This SPA proposes to add coverage and payment for doula services, effective October 1, 2024. Doula's provide continuous physical, emotional, and information support to people before, during, and shortly after childbirth.

# 1115 Waiver Updates

## Housing and Health Opportunities (H2O) Demonstration

We are on-track for an implementation date of 10/1/24 for the H2O program and currently procuring a Program Administrator.

## Traditional Healing Request

- CMS has indicated that Arizona's waiver request is likely to be approved in the next 2-3 months.
- CMS and AHCCCS are in active negotiations around CMS' proposed [traditional healing framework](#).

# 1115 Waiver Updates

## KidsCare Expansion

- On February 16, 2024, AHCCCS received approval from CMS to raise KidsCare eligibility thresholds from 200% of the FPL to 225% FPL.
- The expanded income limit was implemented effective 3/1/2024. The number of kids eligible under the expanded income limit is reported monthly in the AHCCCS Population Highlights report found on the [population reports page](#).

# 1115 Waiver Updates

## Parents as Paid Caregivers (PPCG)

- AHCCCS received approval from CMS on the PPCG demonstration on February 16, 2024. Approval of the PPCG program will allow AHCCCS to continue to reimburse legally responsible parents of minor children for providing direct care to their minor children.
- AHCCCS has begun preliminary planning including the development of a draft project plan and a workgroup to support implementation and operationalization of the Waiver requirements.

# Parents as Paid Caregivers FAQs

Parents as Paid Caregivers of Minor Children Frequently Asked Questions can be found on our website:

[www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/COVID19/FAQ\\_ParentsAsPaidCaregivers.pdf](http://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/COVID19/FAQ_ParentsAsPaidCaregivers.pdf)



# Upcoming 1115 Waiver Amendments

## **Reentry Services**

We are continuing to develop a concept paper outlining a framework for a limited set of reentry services for individuals exiting correctional facilities.

## **Former Foster Youth (FFY) Coverage**

We are in the process of preparing a waiver request to extend full Medicaid coverage to FFY who turned 18 on or before 12/31/22 and were enrolled in Medicaid when they aged out of foster care.

# Public Comments

Public Comments or Written Testimony may be submitted to AHCCCS via:

**Email:** [publicinput@azahcccs.gov](mailto:publicinput@azahcccs.gov) and [waiverpublicinput@azahcccs.gov](mailto:waiverpublicinput@azahcccs.gov)

## Postal Mail

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Attn: DCAIR

801 E. Jefferson St., MD 4200 Phoenix, AZ 85034

Opportunities for public comment are posted at the following links:

- SPAs: <https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/PublicNotices/#SPAs>
- 1115 Waivers:  
<https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Federal/PendingWaivers/>

# Open Discussion





# SMAC Updates

Desiree Greene

Division Project Manager and SMAC Liaison  
Division of Public Policy and Strategic Planning

# SMAC Member Nomination Review

- The SMAC receives many nominations for consideration throughout the year. The SMAC Liaison saves and prepares them for submission to the subcommittee in accordance with the bylaws. The subcommittee makes recommendations to CEO Heredia for her consideration to use those nominees to move forward with a formal majority vote of the SMAC during an open meeting. The SMAC membership is limited to those positions identified on our website, located here: <https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/HealthcareAdvocacy/smac.html>. If you are interested, or know someone who would be a great fit for SMAC, please see the blank nomination form on the SMAC webpage. Please submit that nomination form and any other supporting materials to the following inbox: [dcaircommunityaffairs@azahcccs.gov](mailto:dcaircommunityaffairs@azahcccs.gov).
- We have a new open seat for a Provider. For the Oct meeting, we will be voting in a new Provider SMAC member. The cut-off date for nominations and supporting materials is by **3 pm Monday, Aug 19th**.

**Thank you!**

***Meghan McCabe***



# SMAC Membership Assignments & Voting Session

**Matt Jewett**

**Director of Health Policy  
Children's Action Alliance**

# Current Provider SMAC Members

John Hogeboom, CEO/President, Community Bridges, Inc.

*Open Seat - David Voepel - AZ Health Care Association - Vote in July 2024*

Dr. Elizabeth McKenna, M.D., Co-Owner, Healing Hearts Pediatrics

Dr. Jessica B. Peterkin, Dentist & Founder/CEO, Ministry of Dentistry, Inc

Vicki Staples, Director of OP Behavioral Health, Valleywise Health

Mary Jo Whitfield, VP of Integrated Health, Jewish Family and Children's Services

*Open Seat - Meghan McCabe - AZ Hospital and Healthcare Association -Vote in Oct 2024*

Karen Resseguie, Behavioral Health Administrator, Foundation for Senior Living

Katherine Andersen, Director of Health Information Management and Medical Staff; Privacy Officer, San Carlos Apache Healthcare Corporation

Brittney Kaufmann, Chief Executive Officer, Health System Alliance of Arizona

# Current Public SMAC Members

*Open seat for Daniel Haley, Chief Executive Officer, H.O.P.E. Arizona - Vote in July 2024*

Matt Jewett, Director of Health Policy, Children's Action Alliance

Vince Torres, Community Member/Advocate

Dina Norwood, Managing Attorney, Community Legal Services

Jill Anne Castle, Professor/Advocate/Consultant, Arizona State University

Diana "Dede" Yazzie Devine, Community Member/Advocate

Melissa Kotrys, CEO, Contexture

Tory Roberg, Director of Government Affairs, Alzheimer's Association, Desert Southwest Chapter

Serena Unrein, Community Member/Advocate

Kavita Bernstein, Senior Director of Strategy & Innovation, Candelen

# Recommendation for Public Member Assignment

Nominee	Title	Association
Terry Benelli	Executive Director	Local Initiatives Support Corporation

# Recommendation for Provider Member Assignment

Nominee	Title	Association
Dr. Aaron Knudson	Hospitalist, Former Medical Director of Page Hospital	Banner Health



# SMAC Member Assignment Vote

# Open Discussion



# Call to the Public

# 2024 SMAC Meeting Calendar

**Per bylaws language, SMAC meetings are to be held during the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday of  
January, April, July and October from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m**

## **2024 SMAC Meetings:**

**January 10, 2024**

**April 10, 2024**

**July 10, 2024**

**October 9, 2024 (final meeting of the year)**

For all SMAC Dates and Meeting Materials, see the following link:  
<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/HealthcareAdvocacy/smac.html>

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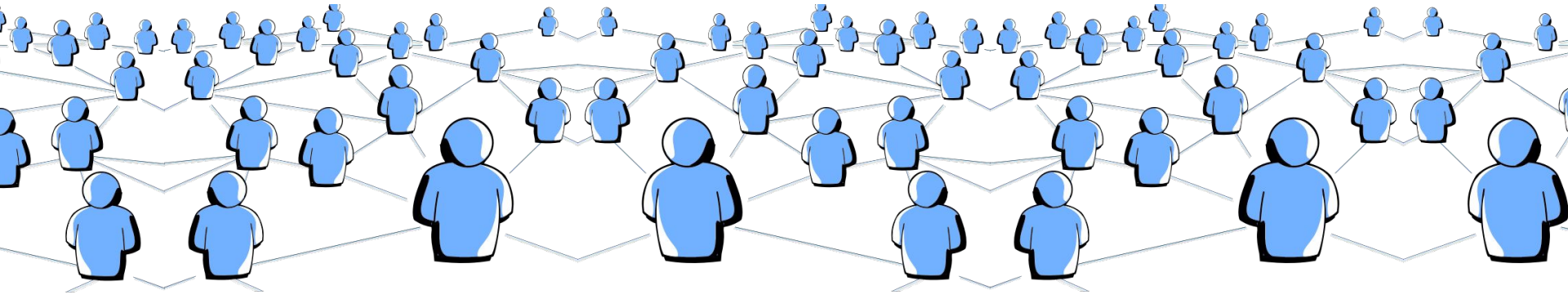
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# Other Resources - Quick Links

- AHCCCS [Waiver](#)
- AHCCCS [State Plan](#)
- AHCCCS [Grants](#)
- AHCCCS [Whole Person Care Initiative \(WPCI\)](#)
- AHCCCS [Office of Human Rights](#)
- AHCCCS [Office of Individual and Family Affairs](#)



Thank You.

Have a great day!