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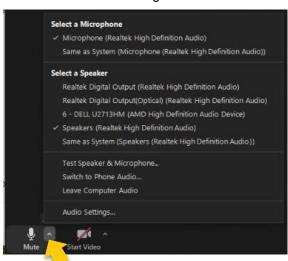
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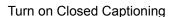


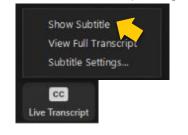
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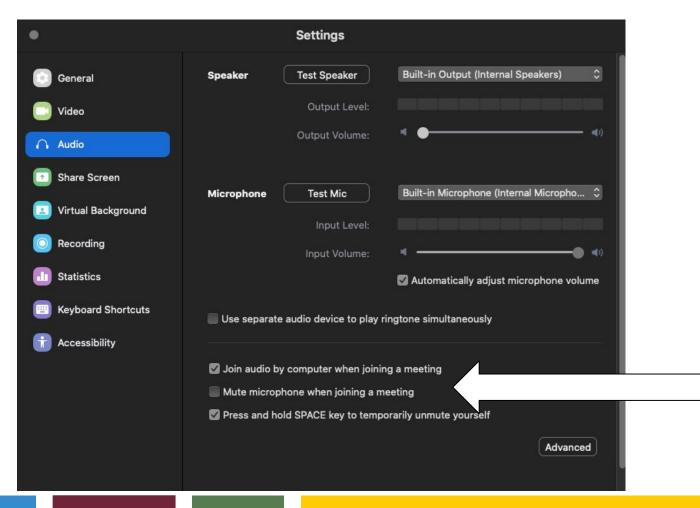
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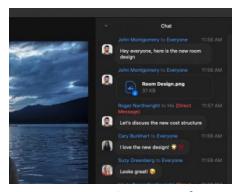
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### Former Foster Youth - Eligibility and Enrollment

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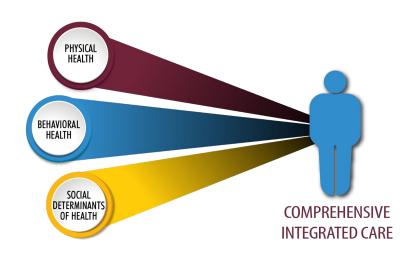
## Section 1115 of the Social Security Act

- 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,
- Parents as Paid Caregivers (PPCG) Program,
- KidsCare Expansion.

#### Requests Subject to Continued Negotiation:

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



# Former Foster Youth - Eligibility and Enrollment



## Former Foster Youth Eligibility and Enrollment - Amendment Request

- Waive the condition of eligibility in 42 CFR 435.608 requiring Medicaid beneficiaries to apply for other cash benefits for the Former Foster Youth (FFY) population.
- Relieve individuals who meet the statutory definition at 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IX) of the obligation to provide information about potentially liable third parties at renewal as a condition of eligibility.
- Extend eligibility for full Medicaid state plan benefits to FFY who are under age 26, who turned 18 on or before December 31, 2022, who were in foster care under the responsibility of another state or tribe on the date of attaining 18 years of age, were enrolled in Medicaid on the date of aging out of foster care, and are now applying for Medicaid in Arizona.



## Former Foster Youth Eligibility and Enrollment - 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 and cooperate with child support enforcement.
- This is otherwise known as the 'Young Adult Transitional Insurance (YATI)' group.



# Former Foster Youth Eligibility and Enrollment: What is changing?

- The original request is in alignment with House Bill 2622 passed by Arizona's 55th Legislature
- Maintaining and extending eligibility: Eligibility will be automatically renewed without requiring additional information from the individual until the individual reaches 26 years of age.
  Provides eligibility under YATI for youth who aged out of care in other states before December 31, 2022.
- Effective Date: Effective upon CMS approval and completion of necessary operational and system modifications.



## Former Foster Youth Eligibility and Enrollment-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 Eligibility and Enrollment - 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 Policy revisions,
- 2. Training updates and staff training on policy change, and
- 3. Develop and deploy communication plan.



#### **Public Comments**

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

waiverpublicinput@azahcccs.gov

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Comments are received through October 10, 2024











## Resources



#### Former Foster Youth Amendment Resources

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



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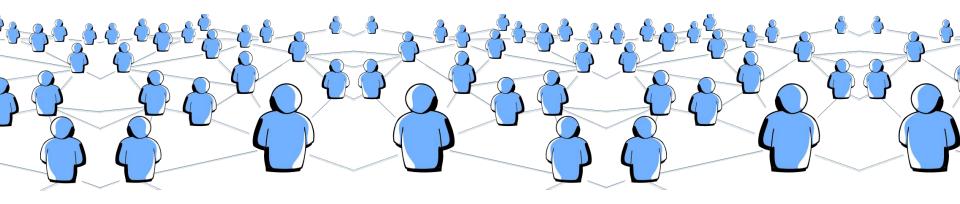
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#### Other Resources - Quick Links

- AHCCCS <u>Waiver</u>
- AHCCCS State Plan
- AHCCCS <u>Grants</u>
- AHCCCS Whole Person Care Initiative (WPCI)
- AHCCCS <u>Office of Human Rights</u>
- AHCCCS <u>Office of Individual and Family Affairs</u>
- Future RBHA Competitive Contract Expansion



## **Open Discussion**

