

AHCCCS Reimbursement for Traditional Healing Services

Statewide AZ American Indian Behavioral
Health Follow-up Symposium

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Introductions

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Today, we'll discuss

- ▶ Brief history of Arizona Section 1115 pertaining to Traditional Healers
- ▶ Traditional Healers Workgroup
- ▶ Traditional Healers with Indian Health Service (IHS) and Tribal Self-Determined facilities
- ▶ Service Parameters
- ▶ Payment methodology
- ▶ Timeline of current workgroup

AZ 1115 Waiver

- ▶ AHCCCS seeking waiver authority from CMS for Traditional Healers
- ▶ Waiver allows reimbursement for certain services (Traditional Healers) through FMAP
- ▶ AHCCCS does not currently reimburse for Traditional Healers Services
- ▶ Waiver language developed by Traditional Healers Workgroup included:
 - a. What kind of qualified providers will provide the service
 - b. What services will be included
 - c. What services will be covered and not covered
- ▶ Original waiver language submitted to CMS by AHCCCS on June 1, 2016

Timeline of Workgroup

- ▶ August 21, 2015 - At an AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Meeting the idea was conceived
- ▶ October 7, 2015 - AHCCCS sent out letters to Tribal representatives requesting participation in the work group
- ▶ October 22, 2015 - Individuals signed up to be part of the work group during
- ▶ December 12, 2015 - Initial workgroup formed

Timeline of Workgroup

- ▶ January 2016 - May 2016 - Monthly meetings were conducted which consisted of research and waiver language development
- ▶ April 2016 - Workgroup met with CMS/submitted preliminary waiver to AHCCCS and posted on AHCCCS website for public review
- ▶ May 2016 - Public comment period, letters of support, final meeting
- ▶ May 31, 2016 - Final waiver submitted. Conclusion of waiver workgroup

Traditional Healers

- ▶ Traditional services are currently being provided in IHS, Tribal 638 facilities, Urban Indian healthcare clinics, and hospitals
- ▶ Traditional Healers are employed by IHS, Tribal 638 facilities, Urban healthcare facilities
- ▶ Traditional services are currently not a covered service benefit under AHCCCS and Tribes and IHS are not reimbursed for them

Service Parameters (Qualified Traditional Providers)

- ▶ Endorsed by a Qualifying Entity
 - a) Endorsement letter

Qualifying Entity

- a) Facility Governing Body:

Hospital Board, Medical Executive Committee,
Traditional Healers Program Director

Or

- b) Facility designated entity with Tribal Acknowledgement:

Tribal Leader, Tribal Traditional Healer or
Traditional Healer Association

Payment Methodology

- ▶ All Inclusive Rate - Per Encounter Reimbursement
- ▶ Fee For Service - Fee Schedule Reimbursement
- ▶ Member Benefit Allowance - AHCCCS member is paid and chooses how to utilize the monetary in obtaining traditional healer service

Current Workgroup

- ▶ January 18, 2017 AHCCCS Tribal Consultation Meeting:
 - ▶ Ms. Kitty Marx, CMS Director of Division of Tribal Affairs, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs shared with the participants that CMS received the Traditional Healing Service Proposal and reviewing how the services can be reimbursed under Medicaid.
 - ▶ Ms. Marx suggested the Traditional Healing Workgroup reconvened to review the services and map out which of the services are already covered under the State Plan.
- ▶ AHCCCS sent out a Notice to Meeting on February 1, 2017 to invite Tribal representative to serve on the second term of the Traditional Healing Workgroup.
- ▶ The first meeting was scheduled on February 13, 2017 and a Chair and Co-Chair was selected.

Timeline

- ▶ February 27, 2017 - Conference Call with Workgroup Members
- ▶ March 10, 2017 - Tse'hootsooi' Medical Center, Chinle IHS, Tuba City Healthcare Corporation, Winslow Healthcare Facility, Red Mesa Health Center and Pinon Health Center Traditional Healers held a work session on identifying traditional service provided at respective facilities
- ▶ March 16, 2017 - Workgroup meeting in Guadalupe, AZ to being cross walk with State Plan on traditional services
- ▶ March 23, 2017 - Conference Call Only - Cancelled
- ▶ March 31, 2017 - Workgroup meeting in Flagstaff, AZ

Timeline

- ▶ April 7, 2017 - Workgroup meeting in Flagstaff, AZ
- ▶ April 13, 2017 - Conference Call Only
- ▶ April 20, 2017 - AHCCCS Tribal Consultation - Present documents to AHCCCS
- ▶ April 28, 2017 - Submit final document. Conclusion of Workgroup
- ▶ May 1, 2017 - AHCCCS to post workgroup document for public comment (45 days)
- ▶ June 19, 2017 - AHCCCS to submit to CMS

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