Arizona Community Engagement Framework

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State Legislation

- Enacted in 2015
- SB 1092 requires AHCCCS to request a waiver amendment from CMS by March 30 of each year that would create:
  - Work requirements for able bodied adults
  - 5-year lifetime limit on benefits
- Exemptions detailed in legislation
- 2016 waiver submitted and denied

2017 Waiver Submission: AHCCCS Works

- On December 19, 2017, AHCCCS submitted a request to CMS to implement AHCCCS Works
- Able-bodied adults aged 19-49 who are not subject to mandatory managed care and do not qualify for an exemption must, for at least 80 hours per month:
  - Be employed;
  - Actively seek employment;
  - Attend school (less than full time);
  - Participate in other employment readiness activities, i.e., job skills training, life skills training & health education; or
  - Partake in community service.

Exemptions, part 1

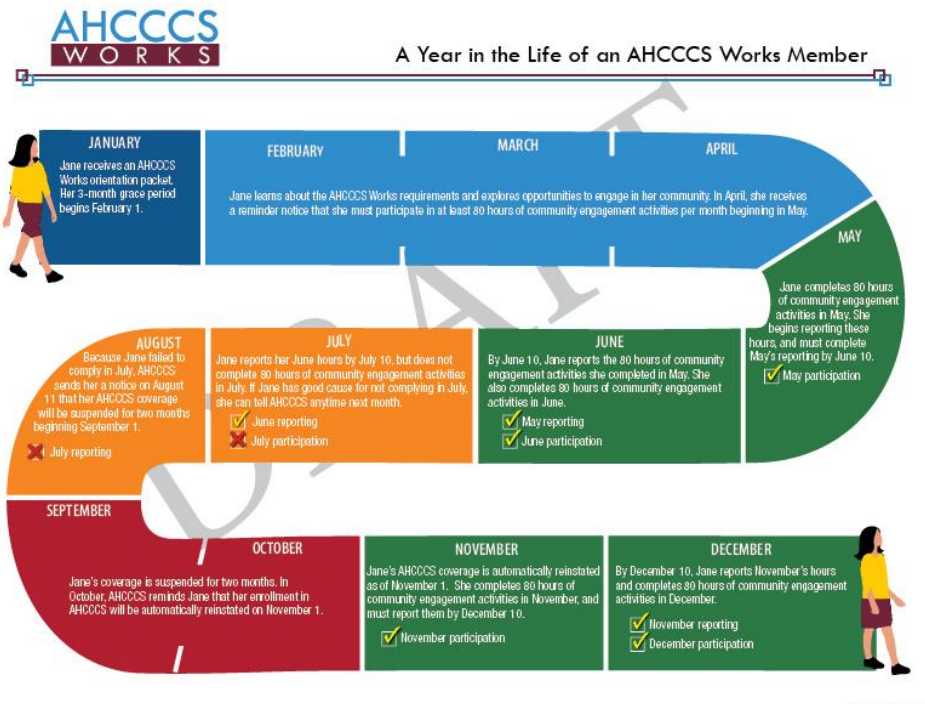
- Pregnant women and postpartum 60 days
- Former foster care youth up to age 26
- Individuals receiving temporary or permanent long-term disability benefits (private or government), including workers compensation
- Individuals determined to be medically frail, incl. those who have:
  - a chronic Substance Use Disorder
  - a serious and complex medical condition
  - a disability that significantly impairs ability to perform at least 1 Activity of Daily Living
- Individuals determined to have a Serious Mental Illness
- Individuals who are in active treatment with respect to a substance use disorder

Exemptions, part 2

- Full time high school, trade school, college or graduate students
- Individuals receiving benefits under SNAP or a Cash Assistance Program like TANF
- Individuals receiving Unemployment Insurance income
- Individuals who are homeless
- Victims of domestic violence
- Designated caretaker of a child 18 or under
- Caregiver who is responsible for the care of an individual with a disability or in ALTCS
- Beneficiaries with an acute medical condition
- Individuals participating in other AHCCCS approved work program

Reporting & On-going Compliance

- Three-month Community Engagement Orientation Period
- Monthly reporting required (any combination of at least 80 hours per month by the 10th day of the following month)
- Non-compliance results in AHCCCS sending the member a Notice of Suspension on the 11th day of the month
- Suspension will occur on the first day of the month after the Notice of Suspension was sent unless, prior to the effective date:
  - good cause for non-compliance reported and verified;
  - member intends to appeal the suspension; or
  - member reports and verifies that s/he currently no longer subject to the requirements (changed eligibility groups or exemption applies)



Estimated Population Impacted by AHCCCS Works Requirements

- Started with approximately 400,000 AHCCCS members (out 1.9 million total AHCCCS members)
  - Includes adults without dependent children at 0-100% FPL and expansion adults at 100-138% FPL
- After removing American Indians, Individuals with SMI and those 50 and over - 226,000 remain
- Additional exemptions
  - 40,000 participate in SNAP-TANF cash requirements
  - 17,600 Student indicator
  - 25,000 Homeless indicator
  - 4,400 unemployment or disability income
- Approximately 139,000 remaining factoring in additional exemptions above (not comprehensive list)

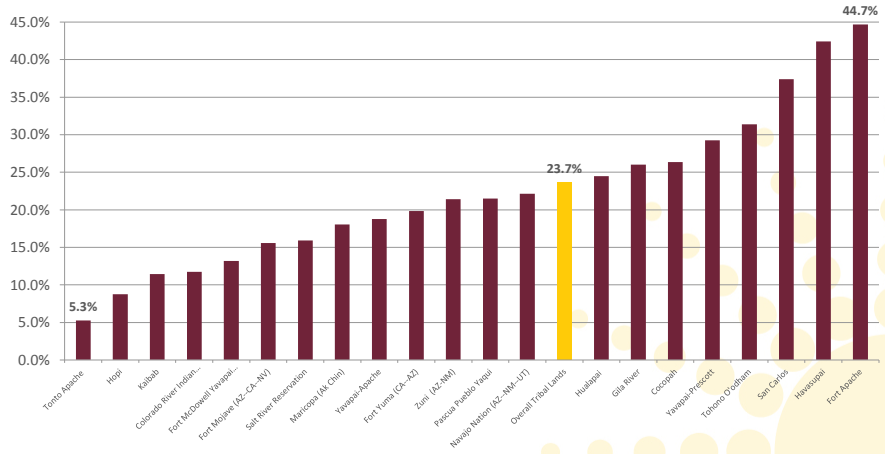
Operational Considerations

- Establishing a portal for members to provide information on compliance and corresponding request for proposals
- Identifying and making necessary eligibility system changes
- Identifying necessary staffing resources for validation activity
- Maximizing linkages to current healthcare workforce development efforts

Current Status

- Working through American Indian issues, including state statutory provision exempting American Indians
- CMS guidance sent to states stating exemption would not be provided for Tribal members – concerns equal opportunity
- Tribal leaders have communicated concerns to CMS, including Supreme Court rulings recognizing Tribes as sovereign political entities
- Lifetime limits not included in discussions

Tribal Unemployment Rates



Questions