

April 2, 2018

The Honorable Douglas A. Ducey Governor of the State of Arizona 1700 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The Honorable Steve Yarbrough, President Arizona State Senate 1700 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

The Honorable J.D. Mesnard, Speaker Arizona State House of Representative 1700 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Ducey, President Yarbrough and Speaker Mesnard:

On December 19, 2017, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S) § 36-2903.09, the AHCCCS Administration submitted a waiver amendment request to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) seeking authority to implement community engagement requirements and a five-year maximum lifetime benefit limit for certain AHCCCS members. AHCCCS is currently working with CMS to develop Special Terms and Conditions that will govern the administration of such waiver authorities that may be granted pursuant to the request. CMS has indicated that expediting the approval of the community engagement requirements will require continued discussion of the maximum lifetime benefit limit post-approval of the community engagement requirements. Therefore, in order to move forward with negotiations, we are excluding the lifetime limit from discussions at this time.

The entire waiver submission may be viewed on the AHCCCS website at: https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/News/AHCCCSWorks1115WaiverAmendmentRequest.pdf.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely.

Thomas J. Betlach Director

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