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“ARIZONA UPDATE”

- **2015-2019:** Extensive Tribal advocacy to repeal/amend the state of Arizona's work requirement law and seek a revised CMS Waiver to exempt Medicaid beneficiaries who are served at I/T/U facilities. On 1/18/19, CMS approved Arizona's request to exempt members of federally recognized Tribes from the 80 hour per month work/community engagement reporting requirements.
- Tribes are still advocating for a broader interpretation of "member of a federally recognized Tribe." Because of this advocacy, AHCCCS has agreed to including descendants of tribal members (children & grandchildren).

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- **2015-2019:** During this period Tribal Workgroups developed Waiver amendment language and SPAs on Traditional Healing, the American Indian Medical Home and Emergency & Non-Emergency Medical Transportation reimbursement parity.
- **2015-2019:** CHR Summit V just held in August. CHRs examining the option of state certification and other ways to ensure CHR sustainability, i.e., Medicaid reimbursement for provision of optional benefits; Section 1915 HCBS Waivers; Tribal FQHC designation and billing for services provided outside the 4-walls.

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- **2017-2019:** Legislative efforts to exempt IHS/638 beneficiaries from the \$1000 per member, per year cap on the adult dental benefit. Recently AHCCCS relayed interest in pursuing a SPA to allow IHS/638 dental clinics to bill for one more visit even if it partially exceeds the cap. *(Between 2012-2016, IHS/638s operated under the uncompensated care waiver and were not subject to the cap).*
- **2018-2019:** Tribal coordination meetings to examine and prepare for AHCCCS Complete Care (7 new MCO integrated care plans & changes to the crisis behavioral health system). Changes impact the American Indian Health Program (AIHP) and Tribes work to alleviate these.

IN APPRECIATION!

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