HANDOUT 1

Transitioning From the Public Health Emergency to Ongoing Operations

July 06, 2021



Extension of Federal PHE

- HHS Secretary Becerra renewed the Federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) on April 15th, 2021
 - Extended the PHE through July 19, 2021
 - Enhanced Medicaid match payments expire at the end of the quarter in which the PHE ends
 - Anticipated PHE will continue through calendar year 2021
 - Unaffected by state emergency declarations
- HHS will provide states with 60 days' notice prior to expiration or termination



Medicaid Programs Impacted by PHE

MAGI Populations

- ARWorks/ ARHome
- Arkids A
- Arkids B
- Parent/ Caretaker
- Pregnant Women
- Newborns
- Former FosterCare

Waiver Populations

- TEFRA
- CES Waiver
- 1915 BH Population
- Independent Choices
- ARChoices
- Living Choices
- Autism
- 1115 Waiver

Other Adult Populations

- Pregnant Women
- PACE
- SSI
- Duals (Medicare/ Medicaid)
- LTSS SNFs Clients
- Medically Needy
- Working Disabled

Provider Licensure & Operations Requirements

- Provider Enrollment
- NET
- Pharmacy
- Hospital
- Physicians
- Dental
- QHPs
- PASSEs
- Lab/X-Ray
- SNFs/ICFs
- Occupational Licensing Other State
 Plan Services



Medicaid Eligibility and Provider Enrollment

DHS is:

- Working through each program to identify clients who are at risk of losing coverage or seeing a reduction in services when the federal PHE ends
- Working to identify providers who are at risk of being disenrolled due to incomplete enrollment information when the federal PHE ends
- Developing an outreach plan for both clients and providers to update their information in advance of the end of the PHE



Wind Down Plans

- As the wind-down plans are finalized, they will be posted on the DHS website
- The plans will list each of the corresponding flexibilities, when they expire, and what clients and providers can do in advance to update their information
- We appreciate the opportunity to provide a brief update at today's meeting and look forward to sharing the plans with you as they finalized



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