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Home and Community-Based 1915(c) Waivers/1115 Research and Demonstration Waivers for Respite Support

Medicaid is a program in every state that pays for medical assistance for certain individuals and families with low incomes and resources. It is the largest source of funding for medical and health-related services for America's poorest people. Because Medicaid is funded jointly by the federal and state governments, the services paid for vary from state to state. In addition to medical services, Medicaid will pay for home and community-based services (HCBS) through the state plan as well as through Medicaid waivers that offer services as a lower-cost alternative to treatment in a medical or long-term care facility, such as a nursing home. Respite is usually paid for through one or more of the following types of waivers: research and demonstration (1115), managed care (1915b) and HCBS (1915c) waiver programs.

All Arizona Home and Community-Based 1915(c) waivers have been incorporated into the 1115 Demonstration: Arizona's Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)." All of the waiver services offered by the Home and Community-Based 1915(c) waivers including respite care are to continue to be provided in the MLTSS delivery system.

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This demonstration provides health care services through a prepaid, capitated managed care delivery model that operates statewide for both Medicaid state plan groups as well as demonstration expansion groups. The HCBS portion of AHCCCS, the Arizona LTC Services (ALTCS), covers benefits including acute care services, nursing facility days, Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) days, case management, behavioral health services (primarily out-patient services), and home and community-based services (HCBS). HCBS covered by ALTCS include home health care, attendant care, homemaker services, community transition, DME and medical supplies, personal care, adult day health, hospice, respite care, transportation, environmental modification, life line alert, and home-delivered meals. Habilitation and day-care services are also covered for recipients with developmental disabilities. Eligible recipients include persons with developmental disabilities, adults with physical disabilities and persons who are 65 years and above.

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Description	<p>This demonstration provides health care services through a prepaid, capitated managed care delivery model that operates statewide for both Medicaid state plan groups as well as demonstration expansion groups. As of October 1, 2018, behavioral health was integrated into AHCCCS.</p> <p>Benefits covered under ALTCS (Arizona Long-Term Care Services) include acute care services, nursing facility days, intermediate care facility for the mentally challenged days, case management, behavioral health services (see details below), and home and community-based services (HCBS). HCBS covered by ALTCS include home health care, attendant care, homemaker services, community transition, DME and medical supplies, personal care, adult day health, hospice, respite care, transportation, environmental modification, life line alert, and home delivered meals.</p> <p>The behavioral health services provided are primarily outpatient. They include individual and group therapy and counseling, emergency crisis behavioral health care, partial care, psychotropic medications, behavior management, and psychosocial rehabilitation. Inpatient psychiatric hospital services are available for persons under 21 years of age. For adults 21 through 64, behavioral health services are covered in psychiatric health, detoxification, and crisis stabilization facilities.</p> <p>Habilitation and day-care services are also covered for recipients with developmental disabilities.</p>
Waiver Type	1115
Target Population-Eligibility	Eligible recipients include persons with developmental disabilities, adults with physical disabilities and persons who are 65 years and above. All participants are eligible for behavioral health services, regardless of age; however, multiple criteria determine the services provided for an individual.
Level of Care	Individuals require level of care available in a nursing facility or ICF/MR. Behavioral health care services are not contingent upon a specified level of care.
Respite Services	Respite is provided to individuals unable to care for themselves, furnished on a short-term basis because of the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing the care. In-home and institutional respite care services are possible. For behavioral health care recipients, agency personnel determine the appropriate setting for respite with the caregiver. Respite care may only be delivered as specified and authorized by the member's case manager in the member's service plan. The combined total of short-term and/or continuous respite care cannot exceed 600 hours per benefit year.
Respite Provider Eligibility	To determine provider eligibility, access the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System website: https://azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/NewProviders/registration.html . Also see criteria in the policy manual: https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/MedicalPolicyManual/1200/1250-D.pdf
Caregiver Eligibility	No limitations on relation are stated; however, see the policy manual link above for requirements.
Enrollment Limit	No enrollment limit
How to Apply	Access the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System website and click on the population that best describes you or the person you are applying for: https://azahcccs.gov/Members/GetCovered/ Apply at https://azahcccs.gov/Members/GetCovered/apply.html
Contact Information	In-state callers from the 602, 623, and 480 area codes, call: 602-417-4000; from the 928 or 520 area codes, call: 1-800-654-8713. Out of State: 1-800-523-0231. Website: https://www.azahcccs.gov/
Link to Waiver Application	Link at Medicaid.gov (go down to "Approved Application(s) and Related Documents": https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demo/demonstration-and-waiver-list/?entry=8142
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