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In response to your questions of September 12, 2001:

Benefits Package (Sections 1, page 1-2; 6.1, page 37)

Arizona is providing the same coverage provided under the Medicaid State Plan. EPSDT is a Medicaid service, but we provide the same coverage under what we call Well Child in Title XXI. Arizona does provide chiropractic services to Title XIX and Title XXI children when medically necessary and prescribed by a PCP. There is no difference (other than the name) in the services provided to all children.

Hardship Exemption of the three month bare provisions (Sections 1, page 1-3 and 4.1.7, page 4-3) - Clarify what is meant by "Title XXI members who lose insurance coverage" Please clarify what is meant by waiving the waiting period for Title XXI members.

We have left discontinuance due to non-payment of premiums rather lose. To give an example, a Title XXI member gets sent a discontinuance notice when the KidsCare premium is not paid by the second month. If the parent pays up the KidsCare premium, the KidsCare member sends in a new application with the premiums and gets right make on KidsCare, with no waiting period (Section G, pages 8-2 and 8-3).

To clarify, (Section 4.3, page 4-7 and Section 6.1.4, page 38), "Will state employee HMOs still be able to elect to participate?"

State employee HMOs may still elect to participate in KidsCare. Based on this answer, AHCCCS does not plan to remove these references from the KidsCare state plan.

The Arizona State Plan Amendment does refer to the "chronically ill and seriously ill" (Section 1, page 1-3). These are definitions that AHCCCS developed due to state law and were developed from various internal sites. Chronically ill came from state (Arizona) statute.