

State: ARIZONA  
METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES  
OTHER TYPES OF CARE

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Annual Update

AHCCCS' rates were set as of October 1, 2009 and are effective for services on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at <http://www.ahcccs.state.az.us/RatesCodes/Default.aspx>.

Out-of-State Hospitals

Out-of-state hospitals will be paid for covered outpatient services by applying the outpatient hospital fee schedule and methodology.

Specialty Rates

• **Laboratory Services**

AHCCCS' outpatient hospital fee schedule will not exceed the reimbursement amounts authorized for clinical laboratory services under Medicare as set forth in 42 CFR 447.362. AHCCCS' rates were set as of October 1, 2009 and are effective for services on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at <http://www.ahcccs.state.az.us/RatesCodes/Default.aspx>.

• **Pharmacy Services**

Reimbursement is subject to the limitations set forth in 42 CFR 447.331 through 447.332.

• **EPSDT Services Not Otherwise Covered in the State Plan**

AHCCCS reimburses for chiropractor services and personal care services using a capped fee schedule. Personal care services are described in Attachment 3.1-A Limitations, page 2(a). Payment is the lesser of the provider's charge for the service or the capped fee amount established by AHCCCS. AHCCCS' rates were set as of October 1, 2009 and are effective for services on or after that date. All rates are published on the agency's website at <http://www.ahcccs.state.az.us/RatesCodes/Default.aspx>.

• **Hospice**

AHCCCS reimburses for the hospice benefit, including routine home care, continuous home care, inpatient respite care and general inpatient care. The Medicaid hospice payment base rates are the current Medicare annual hospice rates, adjusted: 1) by the Medicare published hospice wage index for the geographic locale in which the hospice services are provided; and 2) to disregard cost offsets attributable to coinsurance specified by Medicare for the same rate period. These rates are authorized by section 18 14(i)(c)(ii) of the Social Security Act, which also provides for annual increases in payment rates for hospice care services.