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601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

August 18, 2026

Janet Mann
Director of Health and Medicaid Director
Arkansas Department of Human Services
112 West 8th Street, Slot S401
Little Rock, AR 72201-4608

Re: Arkansas State Plan Amendment (SPA) AR-26-0013

Dear Director Mann:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) AR-26-0013. This amendment requests to establish coverage and payment for Inpatient Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder for Individuals under 21 Years of Age in Acute Care Hospitals which are not IMDs in accordance with section 1905(a)(1) of the Social Security Act.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in section Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations. This letter informs you that Arkansas' Medicaid SPA TN AR-26-0013 was approved on August 18, 2026, with an effective date of July 1, 2026.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Arkansas State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Herko at (570) 230-4048 or via email at Lee.Herko@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Megan K. Buck
Director, Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Elizabeth Pitman

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANDHUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

FORM APPROVED
OMB No. 0938-0193

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 26 — 0013

2. STATE: AR

3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT: (●) XIX ( ) XXI

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
7-1-26

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
1905(a)(1)

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2026 $ 0
b. FFY 2027 $ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
3.1A-1a(0.5)
3.1B82a(0.5)
4.19A9a (1)

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT *(If Applicable)*
New page
New page
New page

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Hospital Based Residential Treatment for Substance Use Disorder

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW *(Check One)*
- [x] GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT
- [ ] COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
- [ ] NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL
- [ ] OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL

12. TYPED NAME
Elizabeth Fuhan

13. TITLE
Director, Division of Medical Services

14. DATE SUBMITTED
6-8-26

15. RETURN TO
Office of Rules Promulgation
PO Box 1437, Slot S295
Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

Attn: Mac Golden

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16. DATE RECEIVED
June 8, 2026

17. DATE APPROVED
August 18, 2026

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
July 1, 2026

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Megan K. Buck

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

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Effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2026, for Inpatient Substance Use Disorder Residential Treatment Unit that is in a separate licensed unit within the acute care hospital, the hospital will be reimbursed for this unit at the same hospital-specific per diem rate of $850.00 with no cost settlement.