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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 21-0018

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Financial Management Group

December 3, 2021

Jami Snyder, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 E. Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034

RE: Arizona SPA 21-0018

Dear Ms. Snyder:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 21-0018. This amendment updates nursing facility rates effective October 1, 2021.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) of the Social Security Act and the implementing Federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. This is to inform you that Medicaid State plan amendment TN 21-0018 is approved effective October 1, 2021. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Wong at (415) 744-3561 or mark.wong@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

For
Rory Howe
Director

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 21-018	2. STATE Arizona
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE October 1, 2021	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart C		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: FFY 2022: \$2,732,705 FFY 2023: \$2,600,013	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-D Pg. 8		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19-D Pg. 8	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Updates the State Plan NF rates.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:		16. RETURN TO: Dana Flannery 801 E, Jefferson, MD#4200 Phoenix, AZ 85034	
13. TYPED NAME: Dana Flannery			
14. TITLE: Assistant Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: November 10, 2021			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED: November 10, 2021		18. DATE APPROVED: December 3, 2021	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: October 1, 2021		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: _____ For	
21. TYPED NAME: Rory Howe		22. TITLE: Director, Financial Management Group	
23. REMARKS: Pen-and-ink change made to Box 6 by CMS with state concurrence.			

STATEPLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
STATE: ARIZONA

**METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING FEE-FOR-SERVICE PAYMENT RATES
FOR LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES**

85% for each facility, then add in the per day historic costs for property taxes and insurance to determine the statewide average capital component.

4. Total Rate

The per diem nursing facility rates are calculated by summing the primary care, indirect care, and capital cost components. These rates vary by member level of care and geographic area due to the primary care components.

5. Rate Update

Effective October 1, 2002 and each year thereafter, fee-for-service rates for nursing facilities will be updated by applying an inflation factor or factors to the rate components in effect for the prior year. This method of adjusting fee-for-service rates is consistent with the method used by AHCCCS for other medical services. For rates effective from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2013, and from October 1, 2015 and thereafter, no inflation factor will be applied.

Below are the AHCCCS FFS Nursing Facility Per Diem Rates effective on and after October 1, 2021:

Level of Care	Revenue Code	Urban Rate*	Rural Rate	Flagstaff
LOA/Therapeutic **	183	\$183.93	\$178.20	\$184.07
LOA/Nursing Home**	185	\$183.93	\$178.20	\$184.07
Level 1	191	\$183.93	\$178.20	\$184.07
Level 2	192	\$201.08	\$194.19	\$200.56
Level 3	193	\$238.51	\$230.88	\$238.47

*AHCCCS has designated nursing facilities in the Arizona counties of Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa as Urban to be paid at the AHCCCS Urban Rate. All other counties inside or outside of Arizona are designated as Rural and are paid at the AHCCCS Rural Rate (except Flagstaff, which is paid at the rate specified above).

**This LOA rate only applies to reserved beds at Nursing Facilities

III. Other Provisions

A. Provider Appeals

Nursing facility providers have the right to request an informal rate reconsideration in accordance with the ALTCS Rules. Appeals are allowed for the following reasons:

- Extraordinary circumstances (as determined by the Director).
- Provision of specialty care services directed at members with high medical needs.
- Unique or unusually high case mix.

Appeals are made in writing to the Director. Appeals which are granted become effective no earlier than the date the appeal was requested.

B. Cost and Wage Reporting

AHCCCS uses cost and wage reports filed by the nursing facilities in the State of Arizona as a basis for these rate calculations.