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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Financial Management Group

October 31, 2024

Carmen Heredia, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 E. Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034

RE: Arizona State Plan Amendment Transmittal Number 23-0015

Dear State Medicaid Director Heredia:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reviewed the proposed Arizona state plan amendment (SPA) to Attachment 4.19-A AZ-23-0015, which was submitted to CMS on September 28, 2023. This plan amendment updates the amounts of Arizona's graduate medical education and indirect medical education payment pools and the qualifying hospital list for each payment pool for the fiscal period ending June 30, 2024.

We reviewed your SPA submission for compliance with statutory requirements, including in sections 1902(a)(2), 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903 as it relates to the identification of an adequate source for the non-federal share of expenditures under the plan, as required by 1902(a)(2), and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the applicable implementing Federal regulations.

Based upon the information provided by the state, we have approved the amendment with an effective date of September 30, 2023. We are enclosing the approved CMS-179 and a copy of the new state plan pages.

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Mark Wong at 415-744-3561 or via email at mark.wong@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Rory Howe
Director

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 23 — 0015	2. STATE AZ
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <u>19</u> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE September 30, 2023
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5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR Part 447, Subpart C	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY 2423 \$ TBD 82,818,500 b. FFY: 2524 \$ TBD 230,285,200
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7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 4.19-A Pages 8, 9(c), 9(d), 9(f), 9(g)(i)	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) Attachment 4.19-A Pages 8, 9(c), 9(d), 9(f), 9(g)(i)
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9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Updates the State Plan to detail amounts and methodology related to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) GME Program.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

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 	15. RETURN TO Alex Demyan 801 E. Jefferson St., MD #4200 Phoenix, AZ 85034
12. TYPED NAME Alex Demyan	
13. TITLE Assistant Director	
14. DATE SUBMITTED: September 28, 2023	

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16. DATE RECEIVED September 28, 2023	17. DATE APPROVED October 31, 2024
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL September 30, 2023	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Rory Howe	OFFICIAL Director, Financial Management Group

22. REMARKS

Pen-and-ink changes made to Boxes 5 and 6 by CMS with state concurrence.

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inflation factor. Accommodation costs were derived by multiplying the covered days on the claim/encounter times the accommodation cost per diems from the cost report.

e. Costed claims/encounters were then assigned to tiers using the logic specified above. For claims assigned to more than one tier, ancillary costs were allocated to the tiers in the same proportion as the accommodation costs.

f. All costs were reduced by an audit adjustment factor equal to four percent since cost reports were not audited.

2) **Inflation Factor:** For rates effective on and after October 1, 1999, AHCCCS shall inflate the operating component of the tiered per diem rates to the mid-point of the prospective rate year, using the DRI inflation factor. For rates effective on and after October 1, 2010, no inflation factor will be applied.

Length of Stay (LOS) Adjustment: For rates effective October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000, the operating component of the Maternity and Nursery tiers shall be adjusted to reflect changes in LOS as required by the federal mandate that allows women at least 48 hours of inpatient care for a normal vaginal delivery, and at least 96 hours of inpatient care for a cesarean section delivery, effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 1998. There shall be no LOS updates for any tiers for rates effective on or after October 1, 2000.

B. Direct Medical Education Component

Direct medical education includes nursing school education, intern and resident salaries, fringes and program costs and paramedical education.

1) For the service period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, the Administration shall distribute \$46,073,136 as described in this paragraph to the following hospitals: Abrazo Central Campus, Banner Boswell Medical Center, Banner University Medical Center - Phoenix, Banner University Medical Center - Tucson, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Scottsdale Healthcare - Osborn, Scottsdale Healthcare - Shea, St. Joseph's Hospital - Phoenix, Tucson Medical Center, and Valleywise Health Medical Center. For dates of service on and after October 1, 1997 (FFY98), GME payment dollars will be separated from the tiered per diem rates to create an AHCCCS GME pool. For FFY98 and each year thereafter, the value of the GME pool will be based on the total GME payments made for claims and encounters in FFY96, inflated by the DRI inflation factor. On an annual basis GME pool funds will be distributed to each hospital with an approved GME program based on the percentage of the total FFY96 GME pool that each hospital's FFY96 GME payment represented. In

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resident positions that are eligible for expansion funding. The per-resident allocation to Program X will be based on the 2 resident positions.

Medicaid utilization for each hospital will be determined using the most recent as-filed Medicare Cost Report on file with the Administration and the Administration's inpatient hospital Fee-For-Service claims and managed care encounter data for the time period corresponding to the MCR for each hospital. The Medicaid utilization percent for each hospital will be calculated as its total Medicaid inpatient days divided by total MCR inpatient days, rounded up to the nearest 5%. Total MCR inpatient days will be taken from Form 2552, Worksheet S-3, Part 1, Lines 14 and 16 through 18, Column 8. The Medicaid utilization from the most recent as-filed Medicare cost reporting period is a proxy for the Medicaid utilization for the service period.

The statewide average per-resident cost will be determined using the most recent as-filed MCR on file with the Administration and resident counts reported by hospitals and GME programs. The average will be calculated by totaling all Intern/Resident direct costs for all hospitals reporting such costs on the MCR and dividing by the total number of residents at those hospitals. The direct I/R costs will be taken from Form 2552, Worksheet B, Part 1, Lines 21 & 22, Column 0.

A filled resident position is a GME program position for which a resident is enrolled and receiving a salary. The number of filled resident positions in a program will be derived by hospital and program reporting to the Administration.

A hospital's level of participation is defined by the hospital's share of resident rotations within the program. For example, if residents in Program X spend nine months of the year on rotation at hospital A and three months at hospital B, then hospital A's level of participation in Program X is 75% and hospital B's level of participation is 25%. The program rotation schedules will be derived by program and hospital reporting to the Administration.

For the service period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, the Administration shall distribute up to \$44,190,464 under this paragraph to the following hospitals: Banner Baywood Medical Center, Banner Behavioral Health Hospital, Banner Boswell Medical Center, Banner Casa Grande Medical Center, Banner Desert Medical Center, Banner Estrella Medical Center, Banner Gateway Medical Center, Banner Heart Hospital, Banner Payson Medical Center, Banner Thunderbird Medical Center, Banner University Medical Center - Phoenix, Banner University Medical Center - South, Banner University Medical Center - Tucson, John C. Lincoln Medical Center, Kingman Regional Medical Center, Mayo Hospital, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Scottsdale Healthcare - Osborn, Scottsdale Healthcare - Shea, Scottsdale Healthcare – Thompson Peak, St. Joseph's Hospital – Phoenix, Tucson Medical Center, and Valleywise Health Medical Center. If funds are insufficient to cover all calculated distributions within any priority group described in paragraphs B(3)(a) and (b), the Administration shall adjust the distributions proportionally within that priority group.

- 4) Beginning July 1, 2007 the AHCCCS Administration shall distribute monies appropriated for graduate medical education above the amounts prescribed in paragraphs B(1) and B(3) for the direct costs of graduate medical education programs established or expanded on or after July 1, 2006. These programs must be approved by the Administration.

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The Administration will allocate funds to eligible GME programs based on the number of filled resident positions in each program, weighted by Medicaid utilization, and a statewide average per-resident cost according to the methodology described in paragraph B(3).

For the service period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, the Administration shall distribute up to \$27,631,559 under this paragraph to the following hospitals: Abrazo Arrowhead Campus, Abrazo West Campus, Banner Boswell Medical Center, Banner Del Webb Medical Center, Banner Desert Medical Center, Banner Estrella Medical Center, Banner Gateway Medical Center, Banner Thunderbird Medical Center, Banner University Medical Center - Phoenix, Banner University Medical Center - South, Banner University Medical Center - Tucson, Canyon Vista Medical Center, HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center, HonorHealth Rehabilitation Hospital, John C. Lincoln Medical Center, Mayo Hospital, Mountain Vista Medical Center, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Scottsdale Healthcare - Osborn, Scottsdale Healthcare - Shea, Scottsdale Healthcare - Thompson Peak, St. Joseph's Hospital - Phoenix, Tucson Medical Center, Valleywise Health Medical Center and Yuma Regional Medical Center. In addition to the above amount, this pool also includes the payment amounts listed on page 9(g)(i) for other teaching hospitals. If funds are insufficient to cover all calculated distributions, the Administration shall adjust the distributions proportionally.

C. New Hospitals

Payments made to new hospitals with GME programs will be calculated using a statewide average where necessary until hospital-specific data can be obtained.

D. Indirect Medical Education Component

Beginning July 1, 2007, the AHCCCS Administration shall distribute monies appropriated for graduate medical education above the amounts prescribed in paragraphs B(1), B(3), and B(4) for a portion of additional indirect medical education costs at hospitals with GME programs with residency positions

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The Medicaid-specific statewide average per-resident-per-month cost will be calculated by totaling the Medicaid IME costs for all hospitals that have such costs, dividing the result by the total number of residents at those hospitals, and dividing that result by 12. The Medicaid IME cost for each hospital is to be calculated as follows:

1. Calculate each hospital's Medicare share by dividing the Medicare inpatient discharges on the Medicare Cost Report (Worksheet S-3 Part I, Column 13, Line 14 plus Line 2) by the total inpatient hospital discharges on the Medicare Cost Report (Worksheet S-3 Part I, Column 15, Line 14).
2. Calculate the ratio of the residents to beds by dividing the number of filled resident positions for each hospital derived from reporting by the GME programs to the Administration as described in paragraph B(2) by the bed days available divided by the number of days in the cost reporting period from the Medicare Cost Report (Worksheet E Part A, Line 4, Column 1).
3. Calculate the indirect medical education adjustment factor by using the following formula: $1.35 \times \{[(1+r)^{.405}]-1\}$ where r is the ratio of residents to beds calculated above.
4. Calculate each hospital's total indirect medical education cost by adding the DRG amounts other than outlier payments from the Medicare cost report and the managed care simulated payments from the Medicare Cost Report (Worksheet E Part A, Lines 1, 1.01, 1.02, 1.03, 1.04 and 3, Column 1), multiplying the total by the indirect medical education adjustment factor and dividing the result by the Medicare share.
5. Calculate each hospital's Medicaid indirect medical education cost by multiplying the hospital's total indirect medical education by the Medicaid Utilization Percent used to determine the direct GME component.

The amount allocated to each program will be distributed to the program's sponsoring hospital or the program's base hospital if the sponsoring institution is not a hospital.

The total amount computed for a teaching hospital under this paragraph shall not exceed the greatest among the amounts described in paragraph F(1) through F(3).

A hospital that does not have any IME amount reported on the Medicare cost report, other than a children's hospital or a new teaching hospital whose latest available Medicare cost report used does not include the hospital's Medicare IME amount as a teaching hospital, will be ineligible for IME payment under this paragraph D.

For the service period of July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024 the Administration shall distribute up to \$10,432,282 under this paragraph to the following hospitals: Banner University Medical Center - South, Banner University Medical Center - Tucson, Canyon Vista Medical Center, Kingman Regional Medical Center, Mountain Vista Medical Center and Yuma Regional Medical Center. If funds are insufficient to cover all calculated distributions, the Administration shall adjust the distributions proportionally.

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A hospital that does not have any IME amount reported on the Medicare cost report, other than a children's hospital or a new teaching hospital described above, will be ineligible for IME payment under paragraphs D and F.

For the service period of July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, the Administration shall distribute up to \$331,392,463 in total funds under this paragraph to the following hospitals: Abrazo Central Campus, Abrazo Arrowhead Campus, Abrazo West Campus, Banner Baywood Medical Center, Banner Behavioral Health Hospital, Banner Boswell Medical Center, Banner Casa Grande Medical Center, Banner Del Webb Medical Center, Banner Desert Medical Center, Banner Estrella Medical Center, Banner Gateway Medical Center, Banner Heart Hospital, Banner Payson Medical Center, Banner Thunderbird Medical Center, Banner University Medical Center - Phoenix, Banner University Medical Center - South, Banner University Medical Center - Tucson, Canyon Vista Medical Center, Dignity Chandler Regional Hospital, HonorHealth Deer Valley Medical Center, HonorHealth Rehabilitation Hospital, John C. Lincoln Medical Center, Kingman Regional Medical Center, Mayo Hospital, Mercy Gilbert Medical Center, Mountain Vista Medical Center, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Scottsdale Healthcare - Osborn, Scottsdale Healthcare - Shea, Scottsdale Healthcare - Thompson Peak, St. Joseph's Hospital - Phoenix, Tucson Medical Center, and Valleywise Health Medical Center. Any unallocated authority remaining from paragraphs B(3), B(4) or D after any necessary redistribution under paragraph E may be distributed under this paragraph. If funds are insufficient to cover all calculated distributions, the Administration shall adjust the distributions proportionally.

All payments for GME and IME provided for in paragraphs B-F are payable annually at the end of the year.