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**State/Territory Name: AZ**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: 23-0017**

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- 3) Approved SPA Pages

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**Financial Management Group**

December 1, 2025

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

RE: Arizona State Plan Amendment Transmittal Number 23-0017

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-23-0017, which was submitted to CMS on September 28, 2023. This plan amendment updates the Arizona disproportionate share hospital (DSH) pool 5 payment amounts and participant list, for the DSH state plan rate year ending 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 October 1, 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 Novena James-Hailey at 617-565-1291 or via email at [Novena.JamesHailey@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Novena.JamesHailey@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 — 0017

2. STATE

AZ3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE 19 OF THE  
SOCIAL SECURITY ACTTO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
**October 1, 2023**5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 42 CFR  
Part 447 **Section 1923 of the Social Security Act**

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)

a. FFY 24 \$ ~~TBD~~ **49,054,967**b. FFY: 25 \$ ~~TBD~~ **0**

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-A  
Page 66, ~~66(a)(i)~~ **66(b)(i)**8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)Attachment 4.19-A  
Page 66, **New**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Updates the DSH Pool 5 funding and participating hospitals in the State Plan.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT



OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:



COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED



NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

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

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**

16. DATE RECEIVED

U.S. &amp; A. HEALTH

17. DATE APPROVED

**December 1, 2025****PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

U.S. &amp; A. HEALTH

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL



20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

U.S. &amp; A. HEALTH

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, Financial Management Group

22. REMARKS

**Pen and ink changes per state request**

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Pool 5

The funding for pool 5 is specified below.

- For SPY 2018, the funding for Pool 5 is the FY 2018 Arizona DSH allotment total computable amount minus \$143,178,200.
- For SPY 2019, the funding for Pool 5 is the FY 2019 Arizona DSH allotment total computable amount minus \$143,178,200.
- For SPY 2020, the funding for Pool 5 is the FY 2020 Arizona DSH allotment total computable amount minus \$143,178,200.
- For SPY 2021, the funding for Pool 5 is the FY 2021 Arizona DSH allotment total computable amount minus \$143,178,200.
- For SPY 2022, the funding for Pool 5 is the FY 2022 Arizona DSH allotment total computable amount minus \$143,178,200.
- For SPY 2023, the funding for Pool 5 is the FY 2023 Arizona DSH allotment total computable amount minus \$143,178,200.
- For SPY 2024, the funding for Pool 5 is the FY 2024 Arizona DSH allotment total computable amount minus \$143,178,200.
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For SPY 2018, the pool 5 hospitals are:

- Benson Hospital
- Holy Cross Hospital
- Kingman Regional Medical Center
- Little Colorado Medical Center
- Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center
- Northern Cochise Community Hospital
- Page Hospital
- Yuma Regional Medical Center
- Canyon Vista Medical Center
- Banner Payson Medical Center

For SPY 2019, the pool 5 hospitals are:

- Benson Hospital
- Holy Cross Hospital
- Kingman Regional Medical Center
- Little Colorado Medical Center
- Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center
- Northern Cochise Community Hospital
- Page Hospital
- Yuma Regional Medical Center
- Canyon Vista Medical Center
- Banner Payson Medical Center

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For SPY 2024, the pool 5 hospitals are:

Priority Group 1

None

Priority Group 2

BANNER CASA GRANDE	\$8,621,352.60
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Priority Group 3

ABRAZO CENTRAL CAMPUS	\$7,995,568.92
ABRAZO WEST CAMPUS	\$2,297,793.76
ARIZONA GENERAL HOSPITAL	\$274,678.14
BANNER-UMC PHOENIX CAMPUS	\$14,332,714.33
BANNER ESTRELLA MEDICAL	\$7,701,779.89
DIGNITY HEALTH ARIZONA GENERAL HOSPITAL	\$2,383,974.54
ST JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL-PHX	\$21,537,600.81
TUCSON MEDICAL CENTER	\$8,855,092.02

Upon reconciliation, Pool 5 funds will be recouped due to changes in hospital qualification or payment limits; Pool 5 overpayments are not redistributed to other hospitals.