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**State/Territory Name: Arizona**

**State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: AZ-24-0017**

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- 3) Approved SPA Pages

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Financial Management Group**

December 13, 2024

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

RE: Arizona State Plan Amendment Transmittal Number 24-0017

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-24-0017, which was submitted to CMS on November 18, 2024. This plan amendment updates the inpatient hospital Differential Adjusted Payment (DAP) program for contract year ending 2025.

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, 2024. 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](mailto:mark.wong@cms.hhs.gov), or Robert Bromwell at 410-786-5914 or via email at [robert.bromwell@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:robert.bromwell@cms.hhs.gov).

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Sincerely,

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Rory Howe  
Director

Enclosures

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

24 — 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, 2024**5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
**42 CFR Part 447**6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY: 2025 \$ 4,435,300  
b. FFY: 2026 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

**Attachment 4.19-A, pages 28, 28(a)-(z)**8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION  
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)**Attachment 4.19-A, pages 28, 28(a)-(z)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Updates the Inpatient Differential Adjusted Payment (DAP) Program for FFY 2025.

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

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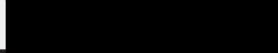
13. TITLE

Assistant Director, Public Policy and Strategic Planning

14. DATE SUBMITTED: November 18, 2024

**FOR CMS USE ONLY**16. DATE RECEIVED  
November 18, 202417. DATE APPROVED  
December 13, 2024**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL  
October 1, 2024

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Rory Howe21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL  
Director, Financial Management Group

22. REMARKS

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**A. Overview**

As of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025 (Contract Year Ending (CYE) 2025), AHCCCS registered Arizona hospitals (other than the facilities described in section C. below) which meet Agency established value-based performance metrics requirements in section B. below will receive a Differential Adjusted Payment described in section D. below. The Differential Adjusted Payment Schedule represents a positive adjustment to the AHCCCS Fee-For-Service reimbursement rates. These payment adjustments will occur for all dates of discharge in CYE 2025 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025) only. The purpose of the Differential Adjusted Payment is to distinguish facilities which have committed to supporting designated actions that improve patients' care experience, improve members' health, and reduce cost of care growth.

**B. Applicability**

To qualify for the Inpatient Differential Adjusted Payment (DAP), a hospital providing inpatient hospital services must meet one of the following criteria:

**1. Hospitals Subject to APR-DRG reimbursement (Up to 2.5%)**

Hospitals, Provider Type 02, are eligible for DAP increases on all inpatient services under the following criteria:

Domain / % Increase	Description
<b>a.</b>	Hospitals that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 0.75% DAP.
<b>Health Information Exchange Participation</b>  (0.75%)	<p>Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP HIE program in CYE 2023 and/or CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE Organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>Hospitals must meet the following milestones in maintaining existing connections to the current HIE platform:</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than May 1, 2024, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing one or more HIE services, such as the HIE Portal, standard Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) Alerts, standard Clinical Notifications, or an interface that delivers patient data into the hospital's Electronic Health Records (EHR) system.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: No later than May 31, 2024, hospitals that utilize external reference labs for any lab result processing must submit necessary provider authorization forms to the qualifying HIE organization, if required by the external reference lab, to have all outsourced</p>

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	<p>lab test results flow to the qualifying HIE on their behalf.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: No later than May 31, 2024, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: ADT information, including data from the hospital emergency department if the provider has an emergency department (if applicable); laboratory and radiology information (if applicable); transcription; medication information; immunization data; and discharge summaries that include, at a minimum, discharge orders, discharge instructions, active medications, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination. If a hospital is in the process of integrating a new EHR system, the hospital must notify the HIE organization and get the implementation timeline approved to continue meeting DAP requirements.</p> <p>Hospitals must meet the following milestones in establishing new connections to ONE Platform, Contexture's new HIE platform:</p> <p>v. Milestone #5: No later than May 1, 2024, hospitals must complete their HIE Integration workbook in its entirety to connect data sender interfaces to ONE Platform.</p> <p>vi. Milestone #6: No later than May 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a signed Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) Statement of Work (SOW) to participate in sharing images via the HIE.</p> <p>vii. Milestone #7: No later than September 1, 2024, hospitals must launch the integration implementation project, have a VPN connection in place with the HIE, and electronically submit test patient information to the ONE Platform test environment. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE and focus on improving data integrity in the test environment.</p> <p>viii. Milestone #8: No later than December 30, 2024, the hospital must have a connection in place with the HIE and electronically submit the following patient information to the ONE Platform production environment: ADT information, including data from the hospital emergency department (if applicable); laboratory and radiology information (if applicable); transcription; medication information; immunization data; and discharge summaries that include, at a minimum, discharge orders, discharge instructions, active medications, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE.</p> <p>ix. Milestone #9: No later than April 1, 2025, the hospital must have in place the following new agreements with the HIE organization as a result of the affiliation of Health Current and Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO).</p>
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	<p>vii. Milestone #7: No later than August 1, 2025, hospitals that utilize external reference labs for any lab result processing must submit necessary provider authorization forms to the HIE organization, if required by the external reference lab, to have all outsourced lab test results flow to the HIE on their behalf.</p> <p>viii. Milestone #8: No later than August 1, 2025, the hospital must launch the integration implementations project, have a VPN connection in place with the HIE, and electronically submit test patient information to the ONE Platform test environment. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE and focus on improving data integrity in the test environment.</p> <p>ix. Milestone #9: No later than September 30, 2025, the hospital must electronically submit the following patient identifiable information to the production environment of the HIE organization: ADT information, including data from the hospital emergency department if the provider has an emergency department; laboratory and radiology information (if the provider has these services); transcription; medication information; immunization data; and discharge summaries that include, at a minimum, discharge orders, discharge instructions, active medications, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE.</p> <p>For any milestone that includes the electronic submission of patient information into the production environment, the information transferred to the HIE must be actual patient data; the transfer of test data does not fulfill these requirements. All electronic submissions must be received through standard HL7 document architecture. It must include all patient data, including behavioral health data and data covered by 42 CFR Part 2 if applicable. Data is expected to be live throughout the year, any downtime will be reported.</p>
<p>b.</p> <p>Health Information Exchange: Data Quality Indicators (0.75%)</p>	<p>Hospitals that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 0.75% DAP.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP HIE program in CYE 2023 and/or CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI) that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: Within 30 days of sending data into the test environment but no later than December 1, 2024, the hospital must review the results of up to 217 parameters from the</p>

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	<p>HIE Data Quality Report with the HIE organization, identifying the high-risk (red) and moderate risk (orange) scores for each parameter.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: Within 60 days of sending data into the test environment, but no later than December 1, 2024, the hospital must achieve an HIE Data Quality Report with 0 high-risk (red) test parameters prior to sending data into the HIE production environment.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: No later than December 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a written resolution plan to Contexture along with an expected timeline and detailed action plan for resolution to correct the moderate risk (orange) parameters on the HIE Data Quality Report.</p> <p>For any milestone that includes the electronic submission of patient information into the production environment, the information transferred to the HIE must be actual patient data; the transfer of test data does not fulfill these requirements. All electronic submissions must be received through standard HL7 document architecture. It must include all patient data, including behavioral health data and data covered by 42 CFR Part 2 if applicable. Data is expected to be live throughout the year, any downtime will be reported.</p>
<p>c.</p> <p>Social Determinants of Health Closed Loop Referral Platform</p> <p>(0.5%)</p>	<p>In relation to this DAP initiative only, the Social Determinants of Health Closed Loop Referral System is CommunityCares. Hospitals that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 0.5% DAP.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP SDOH program in CYE 2023 and/or CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have an active CommunityCares Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than September 30, 2024, the hospital must participate in a post-live meeting with their assigned SDOH Advisor to discuss training needs, SDOH Screening and Referral workflows, implementation of the SDOH screening tool, and to define the CYE 2025 in-network screening/referral monthly goal.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: From October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, the hospital must participate in the utilization of CommunityCares by facilitating screenings/referrals. All screening/referrals entered into CommunityCares by the hospital will be counted towards the utilization requirements and tracked monthly. Based on the SDOH CYE 2024 monthly screenings/referrals average, the hospital's goal for CYE 2025 is to improve the submission of the monthly screenings/referrals average by 5%, and no less than a combination of 10 screenings or referrals per month per facility location, whichever is greater. This goal will</p>



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	<p>be defined and discussed in the post-live meeting with the hospital's assigned SDOH Advisor.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: From October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, the hospital must meet with their SDOH Advisor quarterly to review progress on goals. If the goal is not being met, the SDOH Advisor will assist the hospital in completing a written document that identifies barriers to achieving goals and outlines steps to overcome these barriers (improvement plan).</p> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals who have not participated in the DAP SDOH program in CYE 2023 or CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a CommunityCares Access Agreement and a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than January 1, 2025, the hospital must have onboarding completed by working with the CommunityCares team to submit all requirements prior to gaining access to the system. The hospital must utilize CommunityCares by facilitating in-network screenings/referrals within CommunityCares per facility location.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: From October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, the hospital must meet with their SDOH Advisor quarterly to set a utilization goal and to review progress. If the goal is not being met, the SDOH Advisor will assist the hospital in completing a written document that identifies barriers to achieving goals and outlines steps to overcome these barriers (improvement plan).</p>
d. Naloxone Distribution Program (0.5%)	<p>Hospitals with an Emergency Department that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 0.5% DAP increase on all inpatient services.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals with an Emergency Department that participated in the NDP DAP in CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov</a>, indicating that they will participate in the Naloxone Distribution Program (NDP). The LOI must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than November 30, 2024, the hospital must develop and submit a current facility policy that ensures hospitals are purchasing Naloxone through standard routine pharmacy ordering.</p>

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	<p>iii. Milestone #3: No later than February 28, 2025, the hospital must submit a Naloxone Distribution Program Attestation to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov</a>.</p> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals with an Emergency Department that have not participated in the NDP DAP in CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov</a>, indicating that they will participate in the Naloxone Distribution Program (NDP). The LOI must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than November 30, 2024, the hospital must develop and submit a facility policy that meets AHCCCS/ADHS standards for a NDP.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: No later than January 1, 2025, the hospital must begin distribution of Naloxone to individuals at risk of overdose as identified through the facilities' policy.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: No later than February 28, 2025, the hospital must submit a Naloxone Distribution Program Attestation to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov</a>.</p>
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**2. Other Hospitals and Inpatient Facilities (Up to 4.0%)**

Psychiatric Hospitals, with the exception of public hospitals(Provider Type 71); Subacute Facilities (1-16 Beds), Provider Type B5; Subacute Facilities (17+ beds), Provider Type B6; Rehabilitation Hospitals, Provider Type C4; Long Term Acute Care Hospitals, Provider Type C4 are eligible for DAP increases on all inpatient services under the following criteria. For purposes of Section 2, other inpatient facilities will be referred to as hospitals.

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	<p>iii. Milestone #3: No later than December 30, 2024, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing the HIE Portal.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: No later than April 1, 2025, the hospital must have in place the following new agreements with the HIE organization as a result of the affiliation of Health Current and Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HIE Participation Agreement for ONE Platform</li> <li>2. Statement of Work (SOW) to access the ONE Platform Portal</li> <li>3. Statement of Work (SOW) to send data to ONE Platform</li> </ol> <p>v. Milestone #5: No later than May 1, 2025, the hospital must launch the implementation project to access patient health information via the HIE and complete the ONE Platform portal training prior to access being granted.</p> <p>vi. Milestone #6: No later than July 30, 2025, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing the ONE Platform portal.</p> <p>vii. Milestone #7: No later than August 1, 2025, hospitals that utilize external reference labs for any lab result processing must submit necessary provider authorization forms to the HIE organization, if required by the external reference lab, to have all outsourced lab test results flow to the HIE on their behalf.</p> <p>viii. Milestone #8: No later than August 1, 2025, the hospital must launch the integration implementations project, have a VPN connection in place with the HIE, and electronically submit test patient information to the ONE Platform test environment. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE and focus on improving data integrity in the test environment.</p> <p>ix. Milestone #9: No later than September 30, 2025, the hospital must electronically submit the following patient identifiable information to the production environment of the HIE organization: ADT information, including data from the hospital emergency department (if applicable); laboratory and radiology information (if applicable); transcription; medication information; immunization data; and discharge summaries that include, at a minimum, discharge orders, discharge instructions, active medications, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE.</p> <p>For any milestone that includes the electronic submission of patient information into the production environment, the information transferred to the HIE must be actual patient data; the transfer of test data does not fulfill these requirements. All electronic submissions must be received</p>
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	through standard HL7 document architecture. It must include all patient data, including behavioral health data and data covered by 42 CFR Part 2 if applicable. Data is expected to be live throughout the year and downtime will be reported.
b.  Health Information Exchange: Data Quality Indicators  (0.75%)	Hospitals that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 0.75% DAP.  Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP HIE program in CYE 2023 and/or CYE 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI).</li> <li>ii. Milestone #2: Within 30 days of sending data into the test environment but no later than December 1, 2024, the hospital must review the results of up to 217 parameters from the HIE Data Quality Report with the HIE organization, identifying the high-risk (red) and moderate risk (orange) scores for each parameter.</li> <li>iii. Milestone #3: Within 60 days of sending data into the test environment, but no later than December 1, 2024, the hospital must achieve an HIE Data Quality Report with 0 high-risk (red) test parameters prior to sending data into the HIE production environment.</li> <li>iv. Milestone #4: No later than December 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a written resolution plan to Contexture along with an expected timeline and detailed action plan for resolution to correct the moderate risk (orange) parameters on the HIE Data Quality Report.</li> </ul>
c.  Social Determinants of Health Closed Loop Referral Platform  (0.5%)	In relation to this DAP initiative only, the Social Determinants of Health Closed Loop Referral System is CommunityCares. Hospitals that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 0.5% DAP.  Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP SDOH program in CYE 2023 and/or CYE 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have an active CommunityCares Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</li> <li>ii. Milestone #2: No later than September 30, 2024, the hospital must participate in a post-live meeting with their assigned SDOH Advisor to discuss training needs, SDOH Screening and</li> </ul>

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	<p>Referral workflows, implementation of the SDOH screening tool, and to define the CYE 2025 in-network screening/referral monthly goal.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: From October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, the hospital must participate in the utilization of CommunityCares by facilitating screenings/referrals. All screenings/referrals entered into CommunityCares by the hospital will be counted towards the utilization requirements and tracked monthly. Based on the SDOH CYE 2024 monthly screenings/referrals average, the hospital's goal for CYE 2025 is to improve the submission of the monthly screenings/referrals average by 5%, and no less than a combination of 10 screenings or referrals per month per facility location, whichever is greater.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: From October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, the hospital must meet with their SDOH Advisor quarterly to review progress on goals. If the goal is not being met, the SDOH Advisor will assist the hospital in completing a written document that identifies barriers to achieving goals and outlines steps to overcome these barriers (improvement plan).</p> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals who have not participated in the DAP SDOH program in CYE 2023 or CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a CommunityCares Access Agreement and a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP, and the total number of patient visits per year.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than January 1, 2025, the hospital must have onboarding completed by working with the CommunityCares team to submit all requirements prior to gaining access to the system. The hospital must utilize CommunityCares by facilitating in-network screenings and referrals within CommunityCares per facility location.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: From October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, the hospital must meet with their SDOH Advisor quarterly to set a utilization goal and to review progress. If the goal is not being met, the SDOH Advisor will assist the hospital in completing a written document that identifies barriers to achieving goals and outlines steps to overcome these barriers (improvement plan).</p>
d. Long-term Care Hospital Pressure Ulcers Performance Measure	<p>Hospitals that meet or fall below the national average for the pressure ulcers performance measure will qualify for a 2.0% DAP increase. On March 15, 2024, AHCCCS will download the most current data from the Medicare Provider Data Catalog website for the rate of changes in skin integrity post-acute care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury. Facility results will be compared to the national average results for the measure. Hospitals that meet or fall below the national average percentage will qualify for the DAP increase.</p>

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(2.0%)	
e. Inpatient Rehabilitation Pressure Ulcers Performance Measure  (2.0%)	Hospitals that meet or fall below the national average for the pressure ulcers performance measure will qualify for a 2.0% DAP increase. On March 15, 2024, AHCCCS will download the most current data from the Medicare Provider Data Catalog website for the rate of changes in skin integrity post-acute care: Pressure Ulcer/Injury. Facility results will be compared to the national average results for the measure. Hospitals that meet or fall below the national average percentage will qualify for the DAP increase.

**3. Critical Access Hospitals (up to 10.5%)**

Hospitals designated as a Critical Access Hospital (CAH), Non-IHS/638 hospitals by March 15, 2024 are eligible for up to a 10.5% DAP increase on all inpatient services under the following criteria.

Domain / % Increase	Description
a.  Health Information Exchange Participation (8.0%)	<p>Hospitals that meet the following milestones and performance criteria are eligible to participate in this DAP initiative and earn an 8.0% DAP.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP HIE program in CYE 2023 and/or CYE 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</li> </ul> <p>Hospitals must meet the following milestones in maintaining existing connections to the current HIE platform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Milestone #2: No later than May 1, 2024, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing one or more HIE services, such as the HIE Portal, standard Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) Alerts, standard Clinical Notifications, or an interface that delivers patient data into the facility's Electronic Health Record (EHR) system.</li> </ul>



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|  | <p>iii. Milestone #3: No later than May 31, 2024, hospitals that utilize external reference labs for any lab result processing must submit necessary provider authorization forms to the qualifying HIE organization, if required by the external reference lab, to have all outsourced lab test results flow to the qualifying HIE on their behalf.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: No later than May 1, 2024, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: standard ADT information, including data from the hospital emergency department (if applicable) laboratory and radiology information (if applicable), transcription, medication information; immunization data; and discharge summaries that include, at a minimum, discharge orders, discharge instructions, active medications, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination. If a hospital is in the process of integrating a new EHR system, the hospital must notify the HIE organization and get the implementation timeline approved to continue meeting DAP requirements.</p> <p>Hospitals must meet the following milestones in establishing new connections to ONE Platform, Contexture's new HIE platform:</p> <p>v. Milestone #5: No later than May 1, 2024, the hospital must complete their HIE Integration workbook in its entirety to connect data sender interfaces to ONE platform.</p> <p>vi. Milestone #6: No later than May 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a signed Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) Statement of Work (SOW) to participate in sharing images via the HIE.</p> <p>vii. Milestone #7: No later than September 1, 2024, the hospital must launch the integration implementations project, have a VPN connection in place with the HIE, and electronically submit test patient information to the ONE Platform test environment. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE and focus on improving data integrity in the test environment.</p> <p>viii. Milestone #8: No later than December 30, 2024, the hospital must have a connection in place with the HIE and electronically submit the following patient information to the ONE Platform production environment: ADT information, including data from the hospital emergency department (if applicable); laboratory and radiology information (if applicable); transcription; medication information; immunization data; and discharge summaries that include, at a minimum, discharge orders, discharge instructions, active medications, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE.</p> |
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	<p>ix. Milestone #9: No later than April 1, 2025, the hospital must have in place the following new agreements with the HIE organization as a result of the affiliation of Health Current and Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HIE Participation Agreement for ONE Platform</li> <li>2. Statement of Work (SOW) to access the ONE Platform Portal</li> <li>3. Statement of Work (SOW) to send data to ONE Platform</li> </ol> <p>x. Milestone #10: No later than May 1, 2025, the hospital must launch the implementation project to access patient health information via the HIE and complete the ONE Platform portal training prior to access being granted.</p> <p>xi. Milestone #11: No later than July 30, 2025, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing the ONE Platform portal.</p> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals who have <b>not</b> participated in the DAP HIE program in CYE 2023 or CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than October 1, 2024, the hospital must launch the implementation project to access patient health information via the HIE and complete the HIE portal training prior to access being granted.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: No later than December 30, 2024, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing the HIE Portal.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: No later than April 1, 2025, the hospital must have in place the following new agreements with the HIE organization as a result of the affiliation of Health Current and Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HIE Participation Agreement for ONE Platform</li> <li>2. Statement of Work (SOW) to access the ONE Platform Portal</li> <li>3. Statement of Work (SOW) to send data to ONE Platform</li> </ol> <p>v. Milestone #5: No later than May 1, 2025, the hospital must launch the implementation project to access patient health information via the HIE and complete the ONE Platform portal training prior to access being granted.</p>
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	<p>vi. Milestone #6: No later than July 30, 2025, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing the ONE Platform portal.</p> <p>vii. Milestone #7: No later than August 1, 2025, hospitals that utilize external reference labs for any lab result processing must submit necessary provider authorization forms to the HIE organization, if required by the external reference lab, to have all outsourced lab test results flow to the HIE on their behalf.</p> <p>viii. Milestone #8: No later than August 1, 2025, the hospital must launch the integration implementations project, have a VPN connection in place with the HIE, and electronically submit test patient information to the ONE Platform test environment. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE and focus on improving data integrity in the test environment.</p> <p>ix. Milestone #9: No later than September 30, 2025, the hospital must electronically submit the following patient identifiable information to the production environment of the HIE organization: ADT information, including data from the hospital emergency department if the provider has an emergency department; laboratory and radiology information (if the provider has these services); transcription; medication information; immunization data; and discharge summaries that include, at a minimum, discharge orders, discharge instructions, active medications, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE.</p> <p>For any milestone that includes the electronic submission of patient information into the production environment, the information transferred to the HIE must be actual patient data; the transfer of test data does not fulfill these requirements. All electronic submissions must be received through standard HL7 document architecture. It must include all patient data, including behavioral health data and data covered by 42 C.F.R. Part 2 if applicable. Data is expected to be live throughout the year, any downtime will be reported.</p>
<p>b.</p> <p>Social Determinants of Health Closed Loop Referral Platform</p> <p>(1.0%)</p>	<p>In relation to this DAP initiative only, the Social Determinants of Health Closed Loop Referral System is CommunityCares. Hospitals that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 1.0% DAP.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP SDOH program in CYE 2023 and/or CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have an active CommunityCares Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW</p>

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	<p>must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than September 30, 2024, the hospital must participate in a post-live meeting with their assigned SDOH Advisor to discuss training needs, SDOH Screening and Referral workflows, implementation of the SDOH screening tool, and to define the CYE 2025 in-network screening/referral monthly goal.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: From October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, the hospital must participate in the utilization of CommunityCares by facilitating screenings/referrals. All screening/referrals entered into CommunityCares by the hospital will be counted towards the utilization requirements and tracked monthly. Based on the SDOH CYE 2024 monthly screenings/referrals average, the hospital's goal for CYE 2025 is to improve the submission of the monthly screenings/referrals average by 5%, and no less than a combination of 10 screenings or referrals per month per facility location, whichever is greater. This goal will be defined and discussed in the post-live meeting with the hospital's assigned SDOH Advisor.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: From October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, the hospital must meet with their SDOH Advisor quarterly to review progress on goals. If the goal is not being met, the SDOH Advisor will assist the hospital in completing a written document that identifies barriers to achieving goals and outlines steps to overcome these barriers (improvement plan).</p> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals who have <b>not</b> participated in the DAP SDOH program in CYE 2023 or CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a CommunityCares Access Agreement and a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP, and the total number of patient visits per year.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than January 1, 2025, the hospital must have onboarding completed by working with the CommunityCares team to submit all requirements prior to gaining access to the system. The hospital must utilize CommunityCares by facilitating in-network screenings and referrals within CommunityCares per facility location.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: From October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, the hospital must meet with their SDOH Advisor quarterly to set a utilization goal and to review progress. If the goal is not being met, the SDOH Advisor will assist hospitals in completing a written document that identifies barriers to achieving goals and outlines steps to overcome these barriers (improvement plan).</p>
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<p>c.</p> <p>Arizona Health Directives Registry (AzHDR)</p> <p>(1.0%)</p>	<p>Hospitals that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 1.0% DAP.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP AzHDR program in CYE 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization indicating Arizona Health Directives Registry (AzHDR) participation. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</li> <li>ii. Milestone #2: From October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, the hospital must participate in the utilization of the AzHDR platform by facilitating at least 5 patient document uploads of advanced directives and 15 searches of advance directives per month per registered AHCCCS ID.</li> </ul> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals who have <b>not</b> participated in the DAP AzHDR program in CYE 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization indicating Arizona Health Directives Registry (AzHDR) participation. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</li> <li>ii. Milestone #2: No later than November 1, 2024, the hospital must submit the AzHDR Subscription Agreement to the HIE organization.</li> <li>iii. Milestone #3: No later than April 1, 2025, the hospital must have onboarding completed by working with AzHDR to submit user information to gain credentials to access AzHDR and complete training.</li> <li>iv. Milestone #4: No later than May 1, 2025, the hospital must participate in the utilization of the AzHDR platform by facilitating at least 5 searches/uploads of advance directives per month per AHCCCS ID.</li> </ul>
<p>d.</p> <p>Naloxone Distribution Program</p> <p>(0.5%)</p>	<p>Hospitals with an Emergency Department that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 0.5% DAP increase on all inpatient services.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals with an Emergency Department that participated in the NDP DAP in CYE 2024.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov</a>, indicating that they will participate in the Naloxone Distribution Program (NDP). The LOI must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding NPI(s), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</li> <li>ii. Milestone #2: No later than November 30, 2024, develop and submit a facility policy that ensures hospitals are purchasing Naloxone through standard routine pharmacy ordering.</li> <li>iii. Milestone #3: No later than February 28, 2025, the hospital must submit a Naloxone Distribution Program Attestation to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals with an Emergency Department that have <b>not</b> participated in the NDP DAP in CYE 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov</a>, indicating that they will participate in the Naloxone Distribution Program (NDP). The LOI must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</li> <li>ii. Milestone #2: No later than November 30, 2024, the hospital must develop and submit a facility policy that meets AHCCCS/ADHS standards for a NDP.</li> <li>iii. Milestone #3: No later than January 1, 2025, the hospital must begin distribution of Naloxone to individuals at risk of overdose as identified through the facilities' policy.</li> <li>iv. Milestone #4: No later than February 28, 2025, the hospital must submit a Naloxone Distribution Program Attestation to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov</a>.</li> </ul>
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**C. IHS/638 Facilities**

DAP for IHS and 638 tribally owned and/or operated hospitals are described on page 28(t).

**Payment Methodology**

For hospitals receiving APR-DRG reimbursement (described in Section B.1 above), Fee-for-Service reimbursement rates may be increased up to a maximum of 2.5%. Reimbursement rates for inpatient services will be increased by 0.75% if the HIE Participation requirements are met, by 0.75% if the HIE: DQ requirements are met, by 0.5% if they meet the SDOH requirements are met, and by 0.5% if the Naloxone Distribution Program requirements are met.

For other hospitals and inpatient facilities (described in Section B.2 above), Fee-for-Service reimbursement rates may be increased up to a maximum of 4.0%. Reimbursement rates for inpatient services will be increased by 0.75%

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if the HIE Participation requirements, by 0.75% if the HIE: DQ requirements are met, by 0.5% if the SDOH requirements are met. For Long-Term Care Hospitals, payment rates for services will be increased up to 2.0% if the Pressure Ulcers Performance requirements are met. For Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospitals, payment rates for services will be increased by 2.0% if the Pressure Ulcers Performance requirements are met. These increases do not apply to supplemental payments.

For critical access hospitals (described in Section B.3 above), Fee-for-Service reimbursement rates may be increased up to a maximum of 10.5%. Reimbursement rates for inpatient services will be increased by 8.0% if the HIE Participation requirements are met, by 1.0% if the SDOH requirements are met, by 1.0% if the AzHDR requirements are met, and by 0.5% if the Naloxone Distribution Program requirements are met.

Hospitals which submitted a DAP SOW and received a DAP increase for CYE 2024 but failed to achieve one or more milestones in the DAP SOW or failed to maintain its participation in the milestone activities are ineligible to receive the respective DAP in CYE 2025

If a provider is receiving a DAP in CYE 2025 and cannot meet a milestone and/or cannot maintain its participation in milestone activities, the provider must immediately notify AHCCCS. This notification must be made prior to the milestone deadline and must state the reason the milestone cannot be met. When applicable, DAP participants are subject to audits, at the discretion of AHCCCS. Within 30 days of AHCCCS being notified of a missed milestone, becoming aware of the provider's failure to maintain participation, and/or determining that the provider has failed a DAP audit, AHCCCS will remove the participant's eligibility for the DAP, effective immediately and for the remainder of the year.

If a hospital receives a DAP increase for the entire CYE 2025 but it is determined subsequently that it did not meet the CYE 2025 milestones or failed to maintain its participation in the milestone activities in CYE 2025, that hospital will be ineligible to receive this DAP for CYE 2026 if a DAP is available at that time.

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The following is a description of methods and standards for determining Differential Adjusted Payments for IHS/638 Tribally owned and/or operated facilities. The purpose of the Differential Adjusted Payment is to distinguish facilities which have committed to supporting designated actions that improve patients' care experience, improve members' health, and reduce cost of care growth. The Differential Adjusted Payment Schedule represents a positive adjustment to the AHCCCS rates. These payment adjustments will occur for all dates of service in Contract Year Ending (CYE) 2025 (October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025) only.

**A. Applicability**

Indian Health Service and/or Tribally owned and/or operated hospitals (Provider Type 02), by March 15, 2024, are eligible for a DAP increase on all services under the following criteria.

**1. IHS and 638 Tribally Owned and/or Operated Facilities (Up to 3.0%)**

Domain / % Increase	Description
<b>a.</b>  <b>Health Information Exchange Participation</b>  <b>(1.5%)</b>	<p>Hospitals that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 1.5% DAP.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP HIE program in CYE 2023 and/or CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024 the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>Hospitals must meet the following milestones in maintaining existing connections to the current HIE platform:</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than May 1, 2024, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing one or more HIE services, such as the HIE Portal, standard Admission, Discharge, Transfer (ADT) Alerts, standard Clinical Notifications, or an interface that delivers patient data into the hospital's Electronic Health Records (EHR) system.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: No later than May 31, 2024, hospitals that utilize external reference labs for any lab result processing must submit necessary provider authorization forms to the qualifying HIE, if required by the external reference lab, to have all outsourced lab test results flow to the qualifying HIE organization on their behalf.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: No later than May 31, 2024 the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a</p>



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	<p>qualifying HIE organization: ADT information, including data from the hospital emergency department (if applicable), laboratory and radiology information (if applicable), transcription, medication information, immunization data, and discharge summaries that include, at a minimum, discharge orders, discharge instructions, active medications, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination. If the hospital has ambulatory and/or behavioral health practices, then the facility must submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE: registration, encounter summary, and data elements defined by the qualifying HIE specific to individuals with a serious mental illness.</p> <p>1. If a hospital is in the process of integrating a new EHR system, the hospital must notify the HIE organization and get the implementation timeline approved to continue meeting DAP requirements.</p> <p>Hospitals must meet the following milestones in establishing new connections to ONE Platform, Contexture's new HIE platform:</p> <p>v. Milestone #5: No later than May 1, 2024, the hospital must complete their HIE Integration workbook in its entirety to connect data sender interfaces to the ONE Platform.</p> <p>vi. Milestone #6: No later than September 1, 2024, the hospital must launch the integration implementations project, have a VPN connection in place with the HIE, and electronically submit test patient information to the ONE Platform test environment. The hospital is required to engage in interface testing as required by the HIE and focus on improving data integrity in the test environment.</p> <p>vii. Milestone #7: No later than December 30, 2024, the hospital must have a connection in place with the HIE and electronically submit the following patient information to the ONE Platform production environment: ADT information, including data from the hospital emergency department (if applicable); laboratory and radiology information (if applicable); transcription; medication information; immunization data; and discharge summaries that include, at a minimum, discharge orders, discharge instructions, active medications, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination. If the hospital has ambulatory and/or behavioral health practices, then the facility must submit the following patient identifiable information to the production environment of the HIE: registration, encounter summary, and data elements defined by the HIE specific to individuals with a serious mental illness.</p> <p>viii. Milestone #8: No later than April 1, 2025, the hospital must have in place the following new agreements with the HIE organization as a result of the affiliation of Health Current and Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO).</p>
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HIE Participation Agreement for ONE Platform</li> <li>2. Statement of Work (SOW) to access the ONE Platform Portal</li> <li>3. Statement of Work (SOW) to send data to ONE Platform</li> </ol>
	<p>ix. Milestone #9: No later than May 1, 2025, the hospital must launch the implementation project to access patient health information via the HIE and complete the ONE Platform portal training prior to access being granted.</p> <p>x. Milestone #10: No later than July 30, 2025, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing the ONE Platform portal.</p> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals who have not participated in the DAP HIE program in CYE 2023 or CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than October 1, 2024, the hospital must launch the implementation project to access patient health information via the HIE and complete the HIE portal training prior to access being granted.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: No later than December 30, 2024, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing the HIE Portal.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: No later than April 1, 2025, the hospital must have in place the following new agreements with the HIE organization as a result of the affiliation of Health Current and Colorado Regional Health Information Organization (CORHIO).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HIE Participation Agreement for ONE Platform</li> <li>2. Statement of Work (SOW) to access the ONE Platform Portal</li> </ol> <p>v. Milestone #5: No later than May 1, 2025, the hospital must launch the implementation project to access patient health information via the HIE and complete the ONE Platform portal training prior to access being granted.</p> <p>vi. Milestone #6: No later than July 30, 2025, the hospital must have actively accessed, and continue to access on an ongoing basis, patient health information via the HIE organization, utilizing the ONE Platform portal.</p>

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	For any milestone that includes electronic submission of patient information in the production environment, the information transferred to the HIE must be actual patient data; the transfer of test data does not fulfill these requirements. All electronic submissions must be received through standard HL7 document architecture. It must include all patient data, including behavioral health data and data covered by 42 CFR Part 2 if applicable. Data is expected to be live throughout the year, any downtime will be reported.
b.  Arizona Health Directives Registry (AzHDR)  (0.5%)	<p>Hospitals that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 0.5% DAP.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP AzHDR program in CYE 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization indicating Arizona Health Directives Registry (AzHDR) participation. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</li> <li>ii. Milestone #2: From October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, the hospital must participate in the utilization of the AzHDR platform by facilitating at least 5 patient document uploads of advanced directives and 15 searches of advance directives per month per registered AHCCCS ID.</li> </ul> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals who have <b>not</b> participated in the DAP AzHDR program CYE 2023 or CYE 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must have in place an active Health Information Exchange (HIE) Participation Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) the HIE organization indicating Arizona Health Directives Registry (AzHDR) participation. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</li> <li>ii. Milestone #2: No later than November 1, 2024, the hospital must complete the AzHDR Subscription Agreement.</li> <li>iii. Milestone #3: No later than April 1, 2025, the hospital must have onboarding completed by working with AzHDR to submit user information to gain credentials to access AzHDR and complete training.</li> </ul>

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	<p>iv. Milestone #4: No later than May 1, 2025, the hospital must participate in the utilization of the AzHDR platform by facilitating at least 5 searches/uploads of advance directives per month per registered AHCCCS ID.</p>
<p>c. Social Determinants of Health Closed Loop Referral System  (0.5%)</p>	<p>In relation to this DAP initiative only, the Social Determinants of Health Closed Loop Referral System is CommunityCares. Hospitals that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 0.5% DAP.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals who participated in the DAP SDOH program in CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must s have an active CommunityCares Agreement and submit a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than September 30, 2024, the hospital must participate in a post-live meeting with their assigned SDOH Advisor to discuss training needs, SDOH Screening and Referral workflows, implementation of the SDOH screening tool, and to define the CYE 2025 in-network screening/referral monthly goal.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: From October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, the hospital must participate in the utilization of CommunityCares by facilitating screenings/referrals. All screenings/referrals entered into CommunityCares by the hospital will be counted towards the utilization requirements and tracked monthly. Based on the SDOH CYE 2024 monthly screenings/ referrals average, the hospital's goal for CYE 2025 is to improve the submission of the monthly screenings/referrals average by 5%, and no less than a combination of 10 screenings or referrals per month per facility location, whichever is greater. This goal will be defined and discussed in the post-live meeting with the hospital's assigned SDOH Advisor.</p> <p>iv. Milestone #4: From October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, the hospital must meet with their SDOH Advisor quarterly to review progress on goals. If the goal is not being met, the SDOH Advisor will assist the hospital in completing a written document that identifies barriers to achieving goals and outlines steps to overcome these barriers (improvement plan).</p> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals that have <b>not</b> participated in the DAP SDOH program in CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a CommunityCares Access Agreement and a signed Differential Adjusted Payment Statement of Work (DAP SOW) to the HIE organization. The participant list attached to the DAP SOW must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider</p>

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	<p>Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP, and the total number of patient visits per year.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than January 1, 2025, the hospital must have onboarding completed by working with the CommunityCares team to submit all requirements prior to gaining access to the system. The hospital must utilize CommunityCares by facilitating in-network screenings and referrals within CommunityCares per facility location.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: From October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, the hospital must meet with their SDOH Advisor quarterly to set a utilization goal and to review progress. If the goal is not being met, the SDOH Advisor will assist the hospital in completing a written document that identifies barriers to achieving goals and outlines steps to overcome these barriers (improvement plan).</p>
<p>d. Naloxone Distribution Program</p> <p>(0.5%)</p>	<p>Hospitals with an Emergency Department that meet the following milestones are eligible to earn a 0.5% DAP increase on all inpatient services.</p> <p>Cohort 1: Hospitals with an Emergency Department that participated in the NDP DAP in CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSDAP@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSDAP@azahcccs.gov</a>, indicating that they will participate in the Naloxone Distribution Program (NDP). The LOI must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding NPI(s), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p> <p>ii. Milestone #2: No later than November 30, 2024, the hospital must develop and submit a facility policy that ensures hospitals are purchasing Naloxone through standard routine pharmacy ordering.</p> <p>iii. Milestone #3: No later than February 28, 2025, the hospital must submit a Naloxone Distribution Program Attestation to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSDAP@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSDAP@azahcccs.gov</a>.</p> <p>Cohort 2: Hospitals with an Emergency Department that have not participated in the NDP DAP in CYE 2024.</p> <p>i. Milestone #1: No later than April 1, 2024, the hospital must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSDAP@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSDAP@azahcccs.gov</a>, indicating that they will participate in the Naloxone Distribution Program (NDP). The LOI must contain each facility, including AHCCCS ID(s) and corresponding National Provider Identifier(s) (NPI), that the hospital requests to participate in the DAP.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ii. Milestone #2: No later than November 30, 2024, the hospital must develop and submit a facility policy that meets AHCCCS/ADHS standards for a NDP.</li> <li>iii. Milestone #3: No later than January 1, 2025, the hospital must begin distribution of Naloxone to individuals at risk of overdose as identified through the facilities' policy.</li> <li>iv. Milestone #4: No later than February 28, 2025, the hospital must submit a Naloxone Distribution Program Attestation to AHCCCS to the following email address: <a href="mailto:AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov">AHCCCSdap@azahcccs.gov</a>.</li> </ul>
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**B. Payment Methodology**

All payments may be increased up to a maximum of 3.0%. Payments will be increased by 1.5% if the IHS/Tribal 638 facility meets the HIE requirements, by 0.5% if it meets the AzHDR requirements, by 0.5% if it meets the SDOH requirements, and by 0.5% if it meets the Naloxone Distribution Program requirements. The proposed DAP for IHS/638 facilities would be applicable to the All- inclusive Rate (AIR). The DAP is not applicable to supplemental payments.

IHS/Tribal 638 facility which submitted an DAP SOW and received a DAP increase for CYE 2024 but failed to achieve one or more milestone in the LOI or failed to maintain its participation in the milestone activities are ineligible to receive DAP in CYE 2025.

If a provider is receiving a DAP in CYE 2025 and cannot meet a milestone and/or cannot maintain its participation in milestone activities, the provider must immediately notify AHCCCS. This notification must be made prior to the milestone deadline and must state the reason the milestone cannot be met. When applicable, DAP participants are subject to audits, at the discretion of AHCCCS. Within 30 days of AHCCCS being notified of a missed milestone, becoming aware of the provider's failure to maintain participation, and/or determining that the provider has failed a DAP audit, AHCCCS will remove the participant's eligibility for the DAP, effective immediately and for the remainder of the year.

If a hospital receives a DAP increase for the entire CYE 2025 but it is determined subsequently that it did not meet the CYE 2025 milestones or failed to maintain its participation in the milestone activities in CYE 2025, that hospital will be ineligible to receive this DAP for CYE 2026 if a DAP is available at that time.