

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING
TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES
CHAPTER 22. ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM
ADMINISTRATION

PREAMBLE

<u>1. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)</u>	<u>Rulemaking Action:</u>
R9-22-712.35	Amend
R9-22-712.61	Amend
R9-22-712.71	Amend

2. Citations to the agency’s statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. § 36-2903.01(A)
Implementing statute: A.R.S. § 36-2903.01(G)(12)

3. Citations to all related notices published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A) that pertain to the record of the proposed rule:

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: [to be filled in by SOS editor]

4. The agency’s contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:

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5. An agency’s justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

AHCCCS Differential Adjusted Payment (DAP) initiatives are strategically designed to reward quality outcomes and reduce growth in the cost of health care. The objective of DAP delineated in this proposed rulemaking is to reward hospital providers that have taken designated actions to improve patients' care experience, improve members' health, and reduce the growth of the cost of care. Hospitals which satisfy the requirements delineated in rule will receive increased payments from the AHCCCS Administration and Contractors for inpatient and outpatient services. The proposed DAP rules represent the AHCCCS Administration's expanding efforts to enhance accountability of the health care delivery system. The proposed rulemaking will amend and clarify rules specifying requirements for receipt of DAP for qualifying hospitals for both inpatient and outpatient services for the time period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The proposed rulemaking will authorize AHCCCS to continue rewarding innovative activities and broaden the reach of the present model, emphasizing improved patient care and reduced growth in the cost of care.

6. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and proposes either to rely on or not to rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

A study was not referenced or relied upon when revising these regulations.

7. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable.

8. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

The Administration anticipates that the DAP rulemaking will result in approximately \$75 million of additional payments for the contract year October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 to 134 providers.

9. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the economic, small business and consumer impact statement:

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10. The time, place, and nature of the proceedings to make, amend, repeal, or renumber the rule, or if no proceeding is scheduled, where, when, and how persons may request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule: Proposed rule language will be available on the AHCCCS website. Please send comments to the above address by the close of the comment period, 5:00 p.m., August 9, 2021.

Date: August 9, 2021
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: meet.google.com/fbq-rtii-umb
Nature: Public Hearing

11. All agencies shall list other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additionally, an agency subject to Council review under A.R.S. §§ 41-1052 and 41-1055 shall respond to the following questions:

No other matters have been prescribed.

a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:

Not applicable

b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

Not applicable

c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule's impact of the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:

No analysis was submitted.

12. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:

None

13. The full text of the rules follows:

ARTICLE 7. STANDARDS FOR PAYMENTS

Sections

- R9-22-712.35. Outpatient Hospital Reimbursement: Adjustments to Fees
- R9-22-712.61. DRG Payments: Exceptions
- R9-22-712.71. Final DRG Payment

ARTICLE 7. STANDARDS FOR PAYMENTS

R9-22-712.35. Outpatient Hospital Reimbursement: Adjustments to Fees

- A.** For all claims with a begin date of service on or before September 30, 2011, AHCCCS shall increase the Outpatient Capped Fee-for-service Schedule established under R9-22-712.20 (except for laboratory services and out-of-state hospital services) for the following hospitals submitting any claims:
1. By 48 percent for public hospitals on July 1, 2005, and hospitals that were public anytime during the calendar year 2004;
 2. By 45 percent for hospitals in counties other than Maricopa and Pima with more than 100 Medicare PPS beds during the contract year in which the Outpatient Capped Fee-for-service Schedule rates are effective;
 3. By 50 percent for hospitals in counties other than Maricopa and Pima with 100 or less Medicare PPS beds during the contract year in which the Outpatient Capped Fee-for-service Schedule rates are effective;
 4. By 115 percent for hospitals designated as Critical Access Hospitals or hospitals that have not been designated as Critical Access Hospitals but meet the criteria during the contract year in which the Outpatient Capped Fee-for-service Schedule rates are effective;
 5. By 113 percent for a Freestanding Children's Hospital with at least 110 pediatric beds during the contract year in which the Outpatient Capped Fee-for-service Schedule rates are effective; or
 6. By 14 percent for a University Affiliated Hospital which is a hospital that has a majority of the members of its board of directors appointed by the Board of Regents during the contract year in which the Outpatient Capped Fee-for-service Schedule rates are effective.
- B.** For all claims with a begin date of service on or after October 1, 2011, AHCCCS shall increase the Outpatient Capped Fee-for-service Schedule (except for laboratory services, and out-of-state hospital services) for the following hospitals. A hospital shall receive an increase from only one of the following categories:
1. By 73 percent for public hospitals;
 2. By 31 percent for hospitals in counties other than Maricopa and Pima with more than 100 licensed beds as of October 1 of that contract year;
 3. By 37 percent for hospitals in counties other than Maricopa and Pima with 100 or fewer licensed beds as of October 1 of that contract year;
 4. By 100 percent for hospitals designated as Critical Access Hospitals or hospitals that have not been designated as Critical Access Hospitals but meet the critical access criteria;
 5. By 78 percent for a Freestanding Children's Hospital with at least 110 pediatric beds as of October 1 of that contract year; or
 6. By 41 percent for a University Affiliated Hospital, this is a hospital that has a majority of the members of its board of directors appointed by the Arizona Board of Regents.
- C.** In addition to subsections (A) and (B), an Arizona Level 1 trauma center as defined by R9-22-2101 shall receive a 50 percent increase to the Outpatient Capped Fee-for-service Schedule

(except for laboratory services and out-of-state hospital services) for Level 2 and 3 emergency department procedures.

- D.** Hospitals with greater than 100 pediatric beds not receiving an increase under subsection (B) shall receive an 18 percent increase to the Outpatient Capped Fee-for-service Schedule (except for laboratory services, and out-of-state hospital services).
- E.** For outpatient services with dates of service from October 1, ~~2020-2021~~ through September 30, ~~2021-2022~~, the payment otherwise required for outpatient hospital services provided by qualifying hospitals shall be increased by a percentage established by the administration. The percentage is published on the Administration's public website as part of its fee schedule subsequent to the public notice published no later than September 1, ~~2020~~ 2021. A hospital will qualify for an increase if it meets the criteria specified below for the applicable hospital subtype.
1. A hospital designated by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services as type: hospital, subtype: short-term or children's will qualify for an increase if it meets the criteria in a, ~~or b, c, d, or e~~:
 - a. ~~By May 27, 2020, a hospital which did not receive Differential Adjusted Payments from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, submits~~ April 1, 2021, the hospital must have submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) to AHCCCS and the Health Information Exchange (HIE) organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the following:; in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved.
 - i. ~~By May 27, 2020, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved; No later than April 1, 2021, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved.~~
 - ii. ~~By June 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge, and transfer information (generally known as ADT information), including data from the hospital emergency department if the provider has an emergency department; No later than May 1, 2021, or by the hospital's go-live date for new data suppliers, or within 30 days of initiating the respective COVID-19 related services for current data suppliers, the hospital must complete the following COVID-19 related milestones, if they are applicable:~~
 - (1) Related to COVID-19 testing services, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.

- (2) Related to COVID-19 antibody testing services, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (3) Related to COVID-19 immunization services, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated CDC-recognized code sets to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system.
- iii. By August 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: 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; No later than May 1, 2021, 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.
- iv. By September 1, 2020, or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 lab testing, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; No later than May 1, 2021, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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.
- v. By September 1, 2020, or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 antibody testing, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal statement of work (SOW) to initiate and complete a data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization.
- vi. Within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 immunizations, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system if applicable; No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate connectivity to a Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Closed Loop Referral Platform operated by the qualifying HIE organization.

- vii. By October 1, 2020, 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 on their behalf if applicable; No later than January 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- viii. By November 1, 2020, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal scope of work (SOW) with a qualifying HIE organization to initiate and complete a Phase 1 data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization in collaboration with the qualifying HIE organization; No later than May 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- ix. By January 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 1 initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization; Quality Improvement Performance Criteria: Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to receive DAP increases described below in 1.a.x:
 - (1) Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2020 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2021 data.
 - (2) Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2021 data.
 - (3) If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2021 data, the hospital meets the criteria, regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements.
- x. DAP HIE Data Quality Standards CYE 2022 Measure Categories: Hospitals that meet the standards, as defined in Attachment A of this notice, qualify for a 0.5% DAP increase for each category of the five measure categories, for a total potential increase of 2.5% if criteria are met for all categories.
 - (1) Data source and data site information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (2) Event type must be properly coded on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (3) Patient class must be properly coded on all appropriate ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (4) Patient demographic information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (5) Overall completeness of the ADT message. (0.5%)
- b. By May 27, 2020, a hospital which received Differential Adjusted Payments October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and a qualifying HIE organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the following: By March 15, 2021, the facility must submit a LOI to enter into a CCA (a fully signed copy of a CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility is also acceptable). By April 30, 2021, the facility must have entered into a CCA with a IHS/Tribal 638 facility for inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory services provided through a referral under the executed CCA. The facility agrees to achieve and maintain participation in the following activities:

- i. ~~By May 27, 2020, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved; The facility will have in place a signed CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility and will have submitted the signed CCA to AHCCCS. The CCA will meet minimum requirements as outlined in the [CMS SHO Guidance](#).~~
- ii. ~~By June 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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 instruction, active medication, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination; The facility will have a valid referral process for IHS/Tribal 638 facilities in place for requesting services to be performed by the non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility.~~
- iii. ~~By September 1, 2020, or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 lab testing, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; The hospital will provide to the IHS/Tribal 638 facility clinical documentation of services provided through a referral under the CCA.~~
- iv. ~~By September 1, 2020 or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 antibody testing, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; AHCCCS will monitor activity specified under the CCA(s) to ensure compliance. To help facilitate this, the facility will participate in the HIE or establish an agreed claims operation process with AHCCCS for the review of medical records by May 31, 2021.~~
- v. ~~Within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 immunizations, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system if applicable;~~
- vi. ~~By October 1, 2020, 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 on their behalf if applicable;~~
- vii. ~~By November 1, 2020, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate and complete a Phase 2 data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization and in collaboration with the qualifying HIE organization;~~
- viii. ~~By January 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 2 initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;~~

- ~~ix. By May 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 2 final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;~~
 - ~~x. Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to receive DAP increases:~~
 - ~~(1) Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2019 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2020 data.~~
 - ~~(2) Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2020 data.~~
 - ~~(3) If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2020 data the hospital meets the criteria. Regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements;~~
 - ~~e. Meet or exceed the statewide average on May 12, 2020 for the Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock (SEP-1) performance measure from the Medicare Hospital Compare website;~~
 - ~~d. Be a participant in the Improving Pediatric Sepsis Outcomes collaborative in 2020;~~
 - ~~e. For dates of services from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, hospitals subject to APR-DRG reimbursement (Provider Type 02) may qualify for a DAP on codes J7296-J7298, J7300-J7301, and J7307 billed on the 1500 or UB-04 forms for long-acting reversible contraception devices.~~
2. A hospital designated by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services as type: hospital, subtype: critical access hospital will qualify for an increase if it meets ~~the~~this criteria specified in a or b:
- a. By May 27, 2020, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved; In order to qualify, by April 1, 2021 the hospital must have submitted a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved:
 - i. No later than April 1, 2021, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved.
 - ii. No later than May 1, 2021, or by the hospital's go-live date for new data suppliers, or within 30 days of initiating the respective COVID-19 related services for current data suppliers, the hospital must complete the following COVID-19 related milestones, if they are applicable:
 - (1) Related to COVID-19 testing services, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.

- (2) Related to COVID-19 antibody testing services, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (3) Related to COVID-19 immunization services, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated CDC-recognized code sets to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system.
- iii. No later than May 1, 2021, 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.
- iv. No later than May 1, 2021, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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.
- v. No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate and complete a data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization.
- vi. No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate connectivity to a SDOH Closed Loop Referral Platform operated by the qualifying HIE organization.
- vii. No later than January 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- viii. No later than May 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- ix. Quality Improvement Performance Criteria: Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to receive DAP increases described below in 2.a.x.
 - (1) Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2020 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2021 data.
 - (2) Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2021 data.

- (3) If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2021 data the hospital meets the criteria, regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements.
- x. DAP HIE Data Quality Standards CYE 2022 Measure Categories: Hospitals that meet the standards, as defined in Attachment A of this notice, qualify for a 2.0% DAP increase for each category of the five measure categories, for a total potential increase of 10.0% if criteria are met for all categories.
- (1) Data source and data site information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (2.0%)
- (2) Event type must be properly coded on all ADT transactions. (2.0%)
- (3) Patient class must be properly coded on all appropriate ADT transactions. (2.0%)
- (4) Patient demographic information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (2.0%)
- (5) Overall completeness of the ADT message. (2.0%)
- b. By June 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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; By March 15, 2021, the facility must submit a LOI to enter into a CCA (a fully signed copy of a CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility is also acceptable). By April 30, 2021, the facility must have entered into a CCA with a IHS/Tribal 638 facility for inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory services provided through a referral under the executed CCA. The facility agrees to achieve and maintain participation in the following activities:
- i. The facility will have in place a signed CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility and will have submitted the signed CCA to AHCCCS. The CCA will meet minimum requirements as outlined in the [CMS SHO Guidance](#).
- ii. The facility will have a valid referral process for IHS/Tribal 638 facilities in place for requesting services to be performed by the non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility.
- iii. The hospital will provide to the IHS/Tribal 638 facility clinical documentation of services provided through a referral under the CCA.
- iv. AHCCCS will monitor activity specified under the CCA(s) to ensure compliance. To help facilitate this, the facility will participate in the HIE or establish an agreed claims operation process with AHCCCS for the review of medical records by May 31, 2021.
- e. By September 1, 2020, or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 lab testing, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to

qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable;

- d. ~~By September 1, 2020 or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 antibody testing, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable;~~
- e. ~~Within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 immunizations, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system if applicable;~~
- f. ~~By October 1, 2020, 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 on their behalf if applicable;~~
- g. ~~By November 1, 2020, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate and complete a Phase 2 data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization and in collaboration with the qualifying HIE organization;~~
- h. ~~By January 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 2 initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;~~
- i. ~~By May 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 2 final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;~~
- j. ~~Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to receive DAP increases:~~
 - i. ~~Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2019 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2020 data;~~
 - ii. ~~Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2020 data;~~
 - iii. ~~If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2020 data the hospital meets the criteria, regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements;~~

3. A hospital designated as type: hospital, subtype: long term, psychiatric, or rehabilitation by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services will qualify for an increase if it meets the criteria specified in ~~(E)(3)(a), (b), (c), (d), or (e)~~ a, b, c, d, e, or f:

- a. ~~By May 27, 2020, a hospital which did receive Differential Adjusted Payments from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and a qualifying HIE organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the following: In order to qualify, by April 1, 2021 the hospital must have submitted a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved:~~
 - i. ~~By May 27, 2020, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved; No later than April 1, 2021, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following~~

- milestones by the specified dates or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved.
- ii. By June 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge, and transfer information (generally known as ADT information), including data from the hospital emergency department if the provider has an emergency department; No later than May 1, 2021, or by the hospital's go-live date for new data suppliers, or within 30 days of initiating the respective COVID-19 related services for current data suppliers, the hospital must complete the following COVID-19 related milestones, if they are applicable:
- (1) Related to COVID-19 testing services, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (2) Related to COVID-19 antibody testing services, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (3) Related to COVID-19 immunization services, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated CDC-recognized code sets to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system.
- iii. By August 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: 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; No later than May 1, 2021, 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.
- iv. By September 1, 2020, or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 lab testing, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; No later than May 1, 2021, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge, and transfer information (generally known as ADT information), including data from the hospital emergency department if the facility 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.
- v. By September 1, 2020 or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 antibody testing, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate and complete a data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization.
 - vi. Within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 immunizations, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system if applicable; No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate connectivity to either a SDOH Closed-Loop Referral Platform operated by the qualifying HIE organization or an Advance Directives Registry platform operated by the qualifying HIE organization.
 - vii. By October 1, 2020, 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 on their behalf if applicable; No later than January 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
 - viii. By November 1, 2020, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW with a qualifying HIE organization to initiate and complete a Phase 1 data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization and in collaboration with the qualifying HIE organization; No later than May 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
 - ix. By January 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 1 initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization; x. By May 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 1 final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization; Quality Improvement Performance Criteria: Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to DAP increases described below in 3.a.x.
 - (1) Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2020 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2021 data.
 - (2) Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2021 data.
 - (3) If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2021 data the hospital meets the criteria, regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements.
 - x. DAP HIE Data Quality Standards CYE 2022 Measure Categories: Hospitals that meet the standards, as defined in Attachment A of this notice, qualify for a 0.5% DAP increase for each category of the five measure categories, for a total potential increase of 2.5% if criteria are met for all categories.

- (1) Data source and data site information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (2) Event type must be properly coded on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (3) Patient class must be properly coded on all appropriate ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (4) Patient demographic information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (5) Overall completeness of the ADT message. (0.5%)
- b. By May 27, 2020, a hospital which received Differential Adjusted Payments October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and a qualifying HIE organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the On March 15, 2021 is identified as a Medicare Annual Payment Update recipients on the QualityNet.org website;
- ~~i. By May 27, 2020, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved;~~
 - ~~ii. By June 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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;~~
 - ~~iii. By September 1, 2020 or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 lab testing, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable;~~
 - ~~iv. By September 1, 2020 or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 antibody testing, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable;~~
 - ~~v. Within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 immunizations, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system if applicable;~~
 - ~~vi. By October 1, 2020, 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 on their behalf if applicable;~~
 - ~~vii. By November 1, 2020, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate and complete a Phase 2 data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization and in collaboration with a qualifying HIE organization;~~

- viii. ~~By January 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 2 initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;~~
 - ix. ~~By May 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 2 final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;~~
 - x. ~~Performance Criteria: Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to DAP increases;~~
 - (1) ~~Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2019 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2020 data;~~
 - (2) ~~Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2020 data;~~
 - (3) ~~If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2020 data the hospital meets the criteria, regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements.~~
- c. ~~On May 12, 2020 is identified as a Medicare Annual Payment Update recipients on the Quality Net.org website; On March 15, 2021 meets or falls below the national average for the rate of pressure ulcers that are new or worsened from the Medicare Provider Data Catalog website.~~
- d. ~~On May 12, 2020 meets or falls below the national average for the rate of pressure ulcers that are new or worsened from the Medicare Long Term Hospital Compare website; On March 15, 2021 meets or falls below the national average for the rate of pressure ulcers that are new or worsened from the Medicare Provider Data Catalog website.~~
- e. ~~On May 12, 2020 meets or falls below the national average for the rate of pressure ulcers that are new or worsened from the Medicare Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Compare website. By April 30, 2021, the facility must have entered into a CCA with a IHS/Tribal 638 facility for inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory services provided through a referral under the executed CCA. The facility agrees to achieve and maintain participation in the following activities:~~
 - i. ~~The facility will have in place a signed CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility and will have submitted the signed CCA to AHCCCS. The CCA will meet minimum requirements as outlined in the CMS SHO Guidance.~~
 - ii. ~~The facility will have a valid referral process for IHS/Tribal 638 facilities in place for requesting services to be performed by the non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility.~~
 - iii. ~~The hospital will provide to the IHS/Tribal 638 facility clinical documentation of services provided through a referral under the CCA.~~
 - iv. ~~AHCCCS will monitor activity specified under the CCA(s) to ensure compliance. To help facilitate this, the facility will participate in the HIE or establish an agreed claims operation process with AHCCCS for the review of medical records by May 31, 2021.~~
4. A hospital designated as type: hospital by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services and is owned and/or operated by Indian Health Services (IHS) or under Tribal authority will qualify for an increase if it meets ~~the~~this criteria ~~specified in a or b;~~By May 27, 2020, a hospital submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and a qualifying HIE organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the following:
- a. ~~By May 27, 2020, the facility must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and~~

the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved; By April 1, 2021 the hospital must have submitted a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved:

- i. No later than April 1, 2021, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved.
- ii. No later than May 1, 2021, or by the hospital's go-live date for new data suppliers, or within 30 days of initiating the respective COVID-19 related services for current data suppliers, the hospital must complete the following COVID-19 related milestones, if they are applicable:
 - (1) Related to COVID-19 testing services, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (2) Related to COVID-19 antibody testing services, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (3) Related to COVID-19 immunization services, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated CDC-recognized code sets to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system.
- iii. No later than May 1, 2021, 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.
- iv. No later than June 1, 2021, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge, and transfer information (generally known as ADT information), including data from the hospital emergency department if the facility 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. 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 SMI data elements as defined by the qualifying HIE organization. For hospitals that have not participated in DAP HIE requirements in CYE 2021, the deadline for this milestone will be November 1, 2021.

- v. No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate and complete a data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization.
 - vi. No later than January 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
 - vii. No later than May 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- b. By October 1, 2020, 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 on their behalf; By April 30, 2021, the facility must have entered into a CCA with a non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility for inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory services provided through a referral under the executed CCA. The facility agrees to achieve and maintain participation in the following activities:
- The IHS/Tribal 638 facility will have in place a signed CCA with a non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility and will have submitted the signed CCA to AHCCCS. The CCA will meet minimum requirements as outlined in the [CMS SHO Guidance](#).
 - i. The IHS/Tribal 638 facility will have a valid referral template in place for requesting services to be performed by the non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility.
 - ii. The IHS/Tribal 638 facility will continue to assume responsibility of the referred member, maintaining records and release of information protocol including clinical documentation of services provided by the non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility.
 - iii. AHCCCS will monitor activity specified under the CCA(s) to ensure compliance. To help facilitate this, the IHS/Tribal 638 facility will participate in the HIE or establish an agreed claims operation process with AHCCCS for the review of medical records by May 31, 2021.
- ~~b. By December 1, 2020, the facility must approve and authorize a formal SOW with a qualifying HIE organization to develop and implement the data exchange necessary to meet the requirements of Milestones d, e and f;~~
- ~~c. By April 1, 2021 the facility must electronically submit actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization, including admission, discharge, and transfer information (generally known as ADT information), including data from the hospital emergency department if the facility has an emergency department;~~
- ~~d. By June 1, 2021 the facility must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: 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;~~
- ~~e. If the facility has ambulatory and/or behavioral health practices, then no later than June 1, 2021 the facility must submit actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE, including registration;~~

~~encounter summary, and SMI data elements as defined by the qualifying HIE organization.~~

- F.** If a hospital submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and received the Differential Adjusted Payments October 1, 201820 through September 30, 2021 but fails to achieve or maintain one or more of the required criteria by the specified date, that hospital will be ineligible to receive any Differential Adjusted Payments for dates of service from October 1, 201921 through September 30, 202022 if a Differential Adjusted Payment is available at that time.
- G.** Fee adjustments made under subsection (A), (B), (C), (D), and (E) are on file with AHCCCS and current adjustments are posted on AHCCCS' website.

R9-22-712.61. DRG Payments: Exceptions

- A.** Notwithstanding section R9-22-712.60, claims for inpatient services from the following hospitals shall be paid on a per diem basis, including provisions for outlier payments, where rates and outlier thresholds are included in the capped fee schedule published by the Administration on its website and available for inspection during normal business hours at 701 E. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona. If the covered costs per day on a claim exceed the published threshold for a day, the claim is considered an outlier. Outliers will be paid by multiplying the covered charges by the outlier CCR. The outlier CCR will be the sum of the urban or rural default operating CCR appropriate to the location of the hospital and the statewide capital cost-to-charge ratio in the data file established as part of the Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System by CMS. The resulting amount will be the total reimbursement for the claim. There is no provision for outlier payments for hospitals described under subsection (A)(3).
1. Hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype; rehabilitation in the Provider & Facility Database for Arizona Medical Facilities posted by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services on its website in March of each year;
 2. Hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: long term in the Provider & Facility Database for Arizona Medical Facilities posted by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services on its website for March of each year;
 3. Hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype; psychiatric in the Provider & Facility Database for Arizona Medical Facilities posted by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services on its website for March of each year;
- B.** Notwithstanding section R9-22-712.60, claims for inpatient services that are covered by a RBHA or TRBHA, where the principal diagnosis on the claim is a behavioral health diagnosis, shall be reimbursed as prescribed by a per diem rate described by a fee schedule established by the Administration; however, if the principal diagnosis is a physical health diagnosis, the claim shall be processed under the DRG methodology described in this section, even if behavioral health services are provided during the inpatient stay.
- C.** Notwithstanding section R9-22-712.60, claims for services associated with transplant services shall be paid in accordance with the contract between the AHCCCS administration and the transplant facility.
- D.** Notwithstanding section R9-22-712.60, claims from an IHS facility or 638 Tribal provider shall be paid the all-inclusive rate on a per visit basis in accordance with the rates published annually by IHS in the federal register.
- E.** For hospitals that have contracts with the Administration for the provision of transplant services, inpatient days associated with transplant services are paid in accordance with the terms of the contract.
- F.** For inpatient services with a date of admission from October 1, ~~2019-2021~~ through September 30, ~~2020-2022~~, provided by a hospital in subsection (A) that qualifies, the administration shall pay the hospital an Inpatient Differential Adjusted Payment equal to the sum of the payment otherwise provided for in subsection (A) plus the product of the amount otherwise provided for in subsection (A) and a percentage published on the Administration's public website as part of its fee schedule, subsequent to a public notice published no later than September 1, ~~2019-2021~~. A hospital will qualify for an increase if it meets the criteria specified below for the applicable hospital subtype.

1. A hospital designated by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services as type: hospital, subtype: short-term or children's will qualify for an increase if it meets the criteria in subsection (F)(1)(a), (i) through (x), (F)(1)(b), (i) through (x), and (1) through (3) (F)(1)(c); (F)(1)(d), or (F)(1)(e)a, or b:
 - a. By May 27, 2020, a hospital which did not receive Differential Adjusted Payments from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and a qualifying Health Information Exchange (HIE) organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the following: By April 1, 2021, a hospital the hospital must have submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) to AHCCCS and the Health Information Exchange (HIE), in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved .
 - i. No later than April 1, 2021, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved.
 - ii. By May 27, 2020, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved; No later than May 1, 2021, or by the hospital's go-live date for new data suppliers, or within 30 days of initiating the respective COVID-19 related services for current data suppliers, the hospital must complete the following COVID-19 related milestones, if they are applicable:
 - (1) Related to COVID-19 testing services, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (2) Related to COVID-19 antibody testing services, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (3) Related to COVID-19 immunization services, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated CDC-recognized code sets to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system.
 - iii. By June 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge, and transfer information (generally known as ADT information), including data from the hospital emergency department if the provider has an emergency department; No later than May 1, 2021, 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.
 - iv. By August 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a

- qualifying HIE organization: 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; No later than May 1, 2021, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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.
- v. By September 1, 2020, or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 lab testing, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal statement of work (SOW) to initiate and complete a data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization.
- vi. By September 1, 2020, or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 antibody testing, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate connectivity to a Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Closed Loop Referral Platform operated by the qualifying HIE organization.
- vii. Within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 immunizations, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system if applicable; No later than January 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- viii. By October 1, 2020, 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 on their behalf if applicable; No later than May 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- ix. By November 1, 2020, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal scope of work (SOW) with a qualifying HIE organization to initiate and complete a Phase 1 data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization in collaboration with the qualifying HIE organization; Quality Improvement Performance Criteria: Hospitals that

meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to receive DAP increases described below in 1.a.x.

- (1) Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2020 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2021 data.
 - (2) Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2021 data.
 - (3) If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2021 data, the hospital meets the criteria, regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements.
- x. By January 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 1 initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization; DAP HIE Data Quality Standards CYE 2022 Measure Categories: Hospitals that meet the standards, as defined in Attachment A of this notice, qualify for a 0.5% DAP increase for each category of the five measure categories, for a total potential increase of 2.5% if criteria are met for all categories.
- (1) Data source and data site information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (2) Event type must be properly coded on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (3) Patient class must be properly coded on all appropriate ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (4) Patient demographic information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (5) Overall completeness of the ADT message. (0.5%)
- ~~xi. By May 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 1 final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;~~
- b. By May 27, 2020, a hospital which received Differential Adjusted Payments October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and a qualifying HIE organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the following: By March 15, 2021, the facility must submit a LOI to enter into a CCA (a fully signed copy of a CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility is also acceptable). By April 30, 2021, the facility must have entered into a CCA with a IHS/Tribal 638 facility for inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory services provided through a referral under the executed CCA. The facility agrees to achieve and maintain participation in the following activities:
- i. By May 27, 2020, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved; The facility will have in place a signed CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility and will have submitted the signed CCA to AHCCCS. The CCA will meet minimum requirements as outlined in the [CMS SHO Guidance](#).
 - ii. By June 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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 instruction, active medication, new prescriptions, active problem lists (diagnosis), treatments and procedures conducted during the stay, active allergies, and discharge destination; The facility will have a valid referral process for IHS/Tribal 638 facilities in place for requesting services to be performed by the non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility.
- iii. ~~By September 1, 2020, or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 lab testing, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; The hospital will provide to the IHS/Tribal 638 facility clinical documentation of services provided through a referral under the CCA.~~
 - iv. ~~By September 1, 2020 or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 antibody testing, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; AHCCCS will monitor activity specified under the CCA(s) to ensure compliance. To help facilitate this, the facility will participate in the HIE or establish an agreed claims operation process with AHCCCS for the review of medical records by May 31, 2021.~~
 - v. ~~Within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 immunizations, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system if applicable;~~
 - vi. ~~By October 1, 2020, 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 on their behalf if applicable;~~
 - vii. ~~By November 1, 2020, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate and complete a Phase 2 data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization and in collaboration with the qualifying HIE organization;~~
 - viii. ~~By January 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 2 initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;~~
 - ix. ~~By May 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 2 final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;~~
 - x. ~~Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to receive DAP increases:~~
 - (1) ~~Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2019 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2020 data;~~
 - (2) ~~Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2020 data;~~
 - (3) ~~If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2020 data the hospital meets the criteria. Regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements;~~

- e. ~~Meet or exceed the statewide average on May 12, 2020 for the Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock (SEP-1) performance measure from the Medicare Hospital Compare website;~~
 - d. ~~Be a participant in the Improving Pediatric Sepsis Outcomes collaborative in 2020;~~
 - e. ~~For dates of services from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021, hospitals subject to APR-DRG reimbursement (Provider Type 02) may qualify for a DAP on codes J7296-J7298, J7300-J7301, and J7307 billed on the 1500 or UB-04 forms for long-acting reversible contraception devices.~~
2. A hospital designated by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services as type: hospital, subtype: critical access hospital will qualify for an increase if it meets the criteria specified in subsection (F)(2)(a), (i) through (iv); (F)(2)(b); or (F)(2)(e) a, or b:
- a. ~~By May 27, 2020, a hospital which received Differential Adjusted Payments October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and a qualifying HIE organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the following: In order to qualify, by April 1, 2021 the hospital must have submitted a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved:~~
 - i. ~~By May 27, 2020, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved; No later than April 1, 2021, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved.~~
 - ii. ~~By June 1, 2020, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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; No later than May 1, 2021, or by the hospital's go-live date for new data suppliers, or within 30 days of initiating the respective COVID-19 related services for current data suppliers, the hospital must complete the following COVID-19 related milestones, if they are applicable:~~

- (1) Related to COVID-19 testing services, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (2) Related to COVID-19 antibody testing services, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (3) Related to COVID-19 immunization services, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated CDC-recognized code sets to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system.
- iii. By September 1, 2020, or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 lab testing, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; No later than May 1, 2021, 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.
- iv. By September 1, 2020 or within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 antibody testing, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system if applicable; No later than May 1, 2021, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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.
- v. Within 30 days of initiating COVID-19 immunizations, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system if applicable; No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate and complete a data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization.
- vi. By October 1, 2020, 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 on their behalf if applicable; No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate connectivity to a SDOH Closed Loop Referral Platform operated by the qualifying HIE organization.
- vii. By November 1, 2020, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate and complete a Phase 2 data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization and in collaboration with the qualifying HIE organization; No later than January 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- viii. By January 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 2 initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization; No later than May 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- ix. By May 1, 2021, the hospital must complete the Phase 2 final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization; Quality Improvement Performance Criteria: Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to receive DAP increases described below in 2.a.x.
- (1) Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2020 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2021 data.
 - (2) Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2021 data.
 - (3) If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2021 data the hospital meets the criteria, regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements.
- x. Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to receive DAP increases: DAP HIE Data Quality Standards CYE 2022 Measure Categories: Hospitals that meet the standards, as defined in Attachment A of this notice, qualify for a 2.0% DAP increase for each category of the five measure categories, for a total potential increase of 10.0% if criteria are met for all categories.
- (1) Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2019 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2020 data; Data source and data site information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (2.0%)
 - (2) Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2020 data; Event type must be properly coded on all ADT transactions. (2.0%)

- (3) If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2020 data the hospital meets the criteria, regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements; Patient class must be properly coded on all appropriate ADT transactions. (2.0%)
 - (4) Patient demographic information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (2.0%)
 - (5) Overall completeness of the ADT message. (2.0%)
- b. By March 15, 2021, the facility must submit a LOI to enter into a CCA (a fully signed copy of a CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility is also acceptable). By April 30, 2021, the facility must have entered into a CCA with a IHS/Tribal 638 facility for inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory services provided through a referral under the executed CCA. The facility agrees to achieve and maintain participation in the following activities:
 - i. The facility will have in place a signed CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility and will have submitted the signed CCA to AHCCCS. The CCA will meet minimum requirements as outlined in the [CMS SHO Guidance](#).
 - ii. The facility will have a valid referral process for IHS/Tribal 638 facilities in place for requesting services to be performed by the non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility.
 - iii. The hospital will provide to the IHS/Tribal 638 facility clinical documentation of services provided through a referral under the CCA.
 - iv. AHCCCS will monitor activity specified under the CCA(s) to ensure compliance. To help facilitate this, the facility will participate in the HIE or establish an agreed claims operation process with AHCCCS for the review of medical records by May 31, 2021.

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The final DRG payment is the sum of the final DRG base payment, the final DRG outlier add-on payment, and the Differential Adjusted Payment.

1. The final DRG base payment is an amount equal to the product of the covered day adjusted DRG base payment and a hospital-specific factor established to limit the financial impact to individual hospitals of the transition from the tiered per diem payment methodology and to account for improvements in documentation and coding that are expected as a result of the transition.
2. The final DRG outlier add-on payment is an amount equal to the product of the covered day adjusted DRG outlier add-on payment and a hospital-specific factor established to limit the financial impact to individual hospitals of the transition from the tiered per diem payment methodology and to account for improvements in documentation and coding that are expected as a result of the transition.
3. The factor for each hospital and for each federal fiscal year is published as part of the AHCCCS capped fee schedule and is available on the AHCCCS administration's website and is on file for public inspection at the AHCCCS administration located at 701 E. Jefferson Street, Phoenix, Arizona.
4. For inpatient services with a date of discharge from October 1, ~~2019-2021~~ through September 30, ~~2020-2022~~, the Inpatient Differential Adjusted Payment is the sum of the final DRG base payment and the final DRG outlier add-on payment multiplied by a percentage published on the Administration's public website as part of its fee schedule, subsequent to the public notice published no later than September 1, ~~2019-2021~~. A hospital will qualify for an increase if it meets the criteria specified below for the applicable hospital subtype.
 - a. A hospital designated by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services as type: hospital, subtype: short-term or children's will qualify for an increase if it meets the criteria in (4)(a)(i), (1) through (10) or (ii), ~~e, d, or e~~:
 - i. ~~By May 15, 2019, a hospital which did not receive Differential Adjusted Payments from October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and a qualifying Health Information Exchange (HIE) organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the following: By April 1, 2021, a hospital the hospital must have submitted a Letter of Intent (LOI) to AHCCCS and the Health Information Exchange (HIE), in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved .~~
 - (1) No later than April 1, 2021, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved.
 - (2) ~~By July 31, 2019, execute an agreement with a qualifying HIE organization;~~
 - (3) ~~By October 31, 2019, approve and authorize a formal scope of work with a qualifying HIE to develop and implement the data exchange necessary to meet the requirements in subsections (E)(1)(c) and (E)(1)(d);~~
 - (4) ~~By March 31, 2020, electronically submit admission, discharge, and transfer information (including data from the hospital emergency department) to a qualifying HIE;~~

- (5) ~~By June 30, 2020, electronically submit laboratory, radiology, transcription, and medication information, 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 to a qualifying HIE;~~
- (6) ~~By May 15, 2019, a hospital which received Differential Adjusted Payments October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and a qualifying HIE organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the following: No later than May 1, 2021, or by the hospital's go-live date for new data suppliers, or within 30 days of initiating the respective COVID-19 related services for current data suppliers, the hospital must complete the following COVID-19 related milestones, if they are applicable:~~
- (a) ~~By July 1, 2019, submit actual patient identifiable immunization data to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization; Related to COVID-19 testing services, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.~~
- (b) ~~By October 1, 2019, approve and authorize a formal scope of work with a qualifying HIE organization to initiate and complete a data quality profile to be produced by a qualifying HIE organization; Related to COVID-19 antibody testing services, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.~~
- (c) ~~By December 31, 2019, complete the initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization; Related to COVID-19 immunization services, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated CDC-recognized code sets to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system.~~
- (7) ~~By March 31, 2020, complete the data quality scope of work by producing the final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;~~
- (8) ~~Meet or exceed the statewide average on April 30, 2019 for the Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock (SEP-1) performance measure from the Medicare Hospital Compare website; No later than May 1, 2021, 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.~~
- (9) ~~By April 30, 2019, be a participant in the Improving Pediatric Sepsis Outcomes collaborative; No later than May 1, 2021, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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.

- (10) By May 1, 2019, hold a Pediatric Prepared Emergency Care certification from the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics; No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal statement of work (SOW) to initiate and complete a data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization.
 - (11) No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate connectivity to a Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Closed Loop Referral Platform operated by the qualifying HIE organization.
 - (12) No later than January 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
 - (13) No later than May 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
 - (14) Quality Improvement Performance Criteria: Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to receive DAP increases described below in 1.a.x.
 - (a) Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2020 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2021 data.
 - (b) Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2021 data.
 - (c) If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2021 data, the hospital meets the criteria, regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements.
 - (15) DAP HIE Data Quality Standards CYE 2022 Measure Categories: Hospitals that meet the standards, as defined in Attachment A of this notice, qualify for a 0.5% DAP increase for each category of the five measure categories, for a total potential increase of 2.5% if criteria are met for all categories.
 - (a) Data source and data site information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (b) Event type must be properly coded on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (c) Patient class must be properly coded on all appropriate ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (d) Patient demographic information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (0.5%)
 - (e) Overall completeness of the ADT message. (0.5%)
- ii. By March 15, 2021, the facility must submit a LOI to enter into a CCA (a fully signed copy of a CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility is also acceptable). By April 30, 2021, the facility must have entered into a CCA with a IHS/Tribal 638 facility for inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory services provided through a

referral under the executed CCA. The facility agrees to achieve and maintain participation in the following activities:

- (1) The facility will have in place a signed CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility and will have submitted the signed CCA to AHCCCS. The CCA will meet minimum requirements as outlined in the [CMS SHO Guidance](#).
- (2) The facility will have a valid referral process for IHS/Tribal 638 facilities in place for requesting services to be performed by the non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility.
- (3) The hospital will provide to the IHS/Tribal 638 facility clinical documentation of services provided through a referral under the CCA.
- (4) AHCCCS will monitor activity specified under the CCA(s) to ensure compliance. To help facilitate this, the facility will participate in the HIE or establish an agreed claims operation process with AHCCCS for the review of medical records by May 31, 2021.

b. A hospital designated by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services as type: hospital, subtype: critical access hospital will qualify for an increase if it meets the criteria specified in (4)(b)(i), (1) through (10) or (ii), or (iii):

i. ~~By May 15, 2019, a hospital which received Differential Adjusted Payments October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, submits a Letter of Intent to AHCCCS and a qualifying HIE organization in which the hospital agrees to achieve all of the following:~~ In order to qualify, by April 1, 2021 the hospital must have submitted a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates, or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved:

- (1) ~~By July 1, 2019, submit actual patient identifiable immunization data to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization; No later than April 1, 2021, the hospital must have in place an active participation agreement with a qualifying HIE organization and submit a LOI to AHCCCS and the HIE, in which it agrees to achieve the following milestones by the specified dates or maintain its participation in the milestone activities if they have already been achieved.~~
- (2) ~~By October 1, 2019, approve and authorize a formal scope of work with a qualifying HIE organization to initiate and complete a data quality profile to be produced by a qualifying HIE organization; No later than May 1, 2021, or by the hospital's go-live date for new data suppliers, or within 30 days of initiating the respective COVID-19 related services for current data suppliers, the hospital must complete the following COVID-19 related milestones, if they are applicable:~~
 - (a) Related to COVID-19 testing services, submit all COVID-19 lab test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (b) Related to COVID-19 antibody testing services, submit all COVID-19 antibody test codes and the associated LOINC codes to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of lab results within the HIE system.
 - (c) Related to COVID-19 immunization services, submit all COVID-19 immunization codes and the associated CDC-recognized code sets to the qualifying HIE organization to ensure proper processing of immunizations within the HIE system.

- (d) By December 31, 2019, complete the initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;
- (e) By March 31, 2020, complete the data quality scope of work by producing the final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization;
- (3) Have a Level I-IV trauma center and be located less than five miles from Interstate 10; No later than May 1, 2021, 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.
- (4) By May 1, 2019, hold a Pediatric Prepared Emergency Care certification from the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. No later than May 1, 2021, the hospital must electronically submit the following actual patient identifiable information to the production environment of a qualifying HIE organization: admission, discharge and transfer information (generally known as 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.
- (5) No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate and complete a data quality improvement effort, as defined by the qualifying HIE organization.
- (6) No later than November 1, 2021, the hospital must approve and authorize a formal SOW to initiate connectivity to a SDOH Closed Loop Referral Platform operated by the qualifying HIE organization.
- (7) No later than January 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the initial data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- (8) No later than May 1, 2022, the hospital must complete the final data quality profile with a qualifying HIE organization, in alignment with the data quality improvement SOW.
- (9) Quality Improvement Performance Criteria: Hospitals that meet each of the following HIE data quality performance criteria will be eligible to receive DAP increases described below in 2.a.x.
 - (a) Demonstrate a 10% improvement from baseline measurements in the initial data quality profile, based on July 2020 data, to the final data quality profile, based on March 2021 data.
 - (b) Meet a minimum performance standard of at least 60% based on March 2021 data.
 - (c) If performance meets or exceeds an upper threshold of 90% based on March 2021 data the hospital meets the criteria, regardless of the percentage improvement from the baseline measurements.
- (10) DAP HIE Data Quality Standards CYE 2022 Measure Categories: Hospitals that meet the standards, as defined in Attachment A of this notice, qualify for a 2.0% DAP increase for each category of the five

measure categories, for a total potential increase of 10.0% if criteria are met for all categories.

- (a) Data source and data site information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (2.0%)
- (b) Event type must be properly coded on all ADT transactions. (2.0%)
- (c) Patient class must be properly coded on all appropriate ADT transactions. (2.0%)
- (d) Patient demographic information must be submitted on all ADT transactions. (2.0%)
- (e) Overall completeness of the ADT message. (2.0%)

ii. By March 15, 2021, the facility must submit a LOI to enter into a CCA (a fully signed copy of a CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility is also acceptable). By April 30, 2021, the facility must have entered into a CCA with a IHS/Tribal 638 facility for inpatient, outpatient, and ambulatory services provided through a referral under the executed CCA. The facility agrees to achieve and maintain participation in the following activities:

- (1) The facility will have in place a signed CCA with an IHS/Tribal 638 facility and will have submitted the signed CCA to AHCCCS. The CCA will meet minimum requirements as outlined in the [CMS SHO Guidance](#).
- (2) The facility will have a valid referral process for IHS/Tribal 638 facilities in place for requesting services to be performed by the non-IHS/Tribal 638 facility.
- (3) The hospital will provide to the IHS/Tribal 638 facility clinical documentation of services provided through a referral under the CCA.
- (4) AHCCCS will monitor activity specified under the CCA(s) to ensure compliance. To help facilitate this, the facility will participate in the HIE or establish an agreed claims operation process with AHCCCS for the review of medical records by May 31, 2021.