

April 7, 2022

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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
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**RE: Arizona SPA # 22-0005, COVID Vaccine Coverage**

Dear Mr. Zolynas:

Enclosed is State Plan Amendment (SPA) #22-0005, COVID Vaccine Coverage. This SPA updates the State Plan, effective March 11, 2021, to attest to the state providing COVID testing coverage.

Tribal Consultation on this SPA occurred on February 10, 2022. The Tribal Consultation presentation is available

[https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/Downloads/Consultations/Meetings/2022/02102022\\_QuarterlyTC.pdf](https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/Downloads/Consultations/Meetings/2022/02102022_QuarterlyTC.pdf)

Public Notice for this rate update was posted on the following webpages:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/PublicNotices/COVIDVaccineCoverage.html>

If there are any questions about the enclosed SPA, please contact Ruben Soliz at [ruben.soliz@azahcccs.gov](mailto:ruben.soliz@azahcccs.gov) or 602-417-4355.

Sincerely,



Dana Flannery  
Assistant Director  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>22- 0005</u>	2. STATE <u>AZ</u>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <u>19</u> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
March 11, 2021

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY 2021 \$ 0  
b. FFY: 2022 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
  
Attachment 7.7-A  
Page 1-3

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
  
NEW


9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
Attests to the state's coverage of COVID-19 Vaccination at Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



12. TYPED NAME  
Dana Flannery

13. TITLE  
Assistant Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED: April 7, 2022

15. RETURN TO  
Dana Flannery  
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16. DATE RECEIVED	17. DATE APPROVED
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**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

**Vaccine and Vaccine Administration at Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act**

During the period starting March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act):

**Coverage**

The state assures coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and administration of the vaccines.<sup>1</sup>

The state assures that such coverage:

1. Is provided to all eligibility groups covered by the state, including the optional Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services, Individuals with Tuberculosis, and COVID-19 groups if applicable, with the exception of the Medicare Savings Program groups and the COBRA Continuation Coverage group for which medical assistance consists only of payment of premiums; and
2. Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(H) and section 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.

Applies to the state's approved Alternative Benefit Plans, without any deduction, cost sharing or similar charge, pursuant to section 1937(b)(8)(A) of the Act.

The state provides coverage for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to §§1902(a)(11), 1902(a)(43), and 1905(hh) of the Act.

The state assures compliance with the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declarations and authorizations, including all of the amendments to the declaration, with respect to the providers that are considered qualified to prescribe, dispense, administer, deliver and/or distribute COVID-19 vaccines.

Additional Information (Optional):

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<sup>1</sup> The vaccine will be claimed under this benefit once the federal government discontinues purchasing the vaccine.

**Reimbursement**

The state assures that the state plan has established rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for all qualified providers pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

List Medicaid state plan references to payment methodologies that describe the rates for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration for each applicable Medicaid benefit:

[Payment Methodology for the Vaccine: State Plan pages 4.19-B page 2 and 2\(a\)](#)

[Payment Methodology for Vaccine Administration: State Plan page 96](#)

The state is establishing rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

\_\_\_ The state's rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are consistent with Medicare rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines, including any future Medicare updates at the:

\_\_\_ Medicare national average, OR

\_\_\_ Associated geographically adjusted rate.

The state is establishing a state specific fee schedule for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location :

The COVID-19 vaccine administration rate is \$83 per dose for two-dose vaccines and \$83 to administer single-dose vaccines.

[The fee schedule is published at](#)

<https://azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/RatesAndBilling/FFS/Physicianrates/>

\_\_\_ The state's fee schedule is the same for all governmental and private providers.

The below listed providers are paid differently from the above rate schedules and payment to these providers for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are described under the benefit payment methodology applicable to the provider type:

[IHS/638 facilities non-FQHC clinics](#)

The payment methodologies for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for providers listed above are described below:

Outpatient all-inclusive rate (AIR)

The state is establishing rates for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E), 1905(r)(1)(B)(v) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location :

The Fee Schedule is published at:  
<https://azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/RatesAndBilling/FFS/Physicianrates/>

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