DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Health Care Financing Administration
Region IX

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Phyllis Biedess, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 E. Jefferson
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

Dear Ms. Biedess:

Enclosed is an approved copy of Arizona State plan amendment (SPA) No. 00-011, which I have approved, effective October 1, 2000, as you requested. SPA No. 00-011 updates the average monthly costs for nursing facility services that are used to calculate the period of ineligibility for transfers of assets.

If you have any questions regarding our approval of SPA No. 00-011, please contact Ron Reepen of my staff, who may be reached at (415) 744-3601.

Sincerely,

Linda Minamoto
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid

cc: Joan Peterson, HCFA, CMSO, FCHPG (with enclosures)
Elliot Weisman, HCFA, CMSO, PCPG (with enclosures)

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STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: ARIZONA

TRANSFERS OF ASSETS (ON OR AFTER AUGUST 11, 1993)

Section 1917(c) of the Act

For transfers of assets on or after August 11, 1993, the State complies with 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 13611 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. Page 2 of Supplement 9 to Attachment 2.6-A specifies what constitutes undue hardship.

The period of ineligibility shall begin with the month in which such assets were transferred and the number of months in such period shall be equal to the total uncompensated value of the assets so transferred, divided by (check one of the following):

_____ $_____, which is the average cost to, a private patient at the time of application, of nursing facility services in the State; or

__x__ the average cost, to a private patient at the time of application, of nursing facility services in the community in which the individual is institutionalized. The average monthly costs for nursing facility services in the various communities in the State are listed below:

Developmentally Disabled	$3,303.09 (entire State)
Non-developmentally Disabled	$3,352.91 (Maricopa County) $3,352.91 (Pima County) $3,352.91 (Pinal County) $3,115.69 (balance of State)