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State Demonstrations Group

August 31, 2020

Ms. Jami Snyder
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Dear Ms. Snyder:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is approving a modification to the state's Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) for Arizona's section 1115(a) demonstration, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) (Project Number 11-W-00275/9).

On June 30, 2020, Arizona submitted an Emergency Preparedness and Response Attachment K to amend its AHCCCS section 1115(a) demonstration to address the COVID-19 public health emergency. The state's application requested programmatic modifications to the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCs). Modifications detailed below are necessary to assist the state in delivering the most effective care to its beneficiaries in light of the COVID-19 public health emergency. This Attachment K includes changes that are additive to the Attachment K of the STCs previously approved on April 6, 2020.

CMS determined that the state could effectuate the requested changes to the outlined programs through an Attachment K. In accordance with this determination, CMS hereby approves the following program modifications:

- Temporarily increase payment rates to assisted living facilities and adult foster care home providers.
- Temporarily increase payment rates to home and community-based service providers who provide attendant care, personal care, and respite services.


The authorities that the state has requested in the Attachment K are effective from March 13, 2020, through March 12, 2021, and apply in all locations served by the demonstration for anyone impacted by COVID-19 who receives home and community-based services through the demonstration. We have included the approved Attachment K pages with this correspondence.

These modifications will support Arizona to ensure that sufficient health care services are available to meet the needs of individuals enrolled in the respective programs and to ensure that health care providers are able to continue to provide essential services to program participants during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

We appreciate your state's commitment to addressing the significant challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and we look forward to our continued partnership on the AHCCCS section 1115(a) demonstration. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please contact your CMS project officer, Ms. Kelsey Smyth, at Kelsey.Smyth@cms.hhs.gov or at (410) 786- 7915.

Sincerely,

8/31/2020

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