



IHS/638 Nursing Facility & Skilled Nursing Facility Updates

Fall 2020

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On August 17, 2020, AHCCCS received CMS approval to reimburse Indian Health Service (IHS) /Tribally owned and/or operated (638) Nursing Facilities (NFs) and Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) at the current All Inclusive Rate (AIR) as published in the Federal Register.

- This change will be effective October 1, 2020.

IHS/638 NFs and SNFs

Reimbursement Rate Options

Per the Arizona Medicaid State Plan, IHS/638 NFs and SNFs now have the choice to bill for services at either the Capped FFS Rate **or** the outpatient AIR.

- The approved SPA does not remove the provider's ability to bill for reimbursement at the Capped FFS Rate. It *expands* the nursing facility reimbursement options, to provide the choice of billing for reimbursement at the AIR.
- Please note that billing for reimbursement at the AIR is only an option for **Title XIX members**. Services provided to Title XXI members are not reimbursable at the AIR.

NOTE: Nursing facilities may not bill for *both* the Capped FFS Rate *and* the outpatient AIR, for the same member on the same day.

What has Changed?

Previously, the per diem rate (a daily rate paid for services provided to each member) for nursing facility stays was established based on four levels of care.

- Level 1
- Level 2
- Level 3
- Ventilator dependent, sub-acute and other specialty care

Billing Information for IHS/638 Nursing Facility & Skilled Nursing Facilities

Billing for IHS/638 NFs & SNFs

For IHS/638 NFs and SNFs that bill the outpatient AIR for services rendered, they shall bill as follows:

- **Claim Form:** UB-04 Claim Form
- **Revenue Codes:** 0183, 0185, 0191, 0192, and 0193
- **Diagnosis Codes:** ICD-10
- **Reimbursement Rate:** The current outpatient AIR

Billing for IHS/638 NFs & SNFs

Coding

When billing for reimbursement at the AIR, providers should continue to use the appropriate Revenue Code and follow national coding standards.

Revenue Code	Description
0183	LOA/Therapeutic
0185	LOA/Nursing Home
0191	Subacute Care Level I
0192	Subacute Care Level II
0193	Subacute Care Level III

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Claim Form

There is *no change* to how the UB-04 Claim Form is filled out, except for the reimbursement rate requested. This will be reflected in the following fields:

- Field 42: Rev Code
- Field 47: Total Charges

For additional instructions on “how to” fill out a UB-04 Claim Form, please visit Chapter 5, Claim Forms, of the IHS/Tribal Provider Billing Manual at:

- <https://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/Downloads/IHS-TribalManual/IHS-Chap05CImFormRequire.pdf>

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International Classification of Diseases (ICD) Diagnosis Codes

- **ICD-10** diagnosis codes are required on all claim forms. Services billed without an ICD-10 code, or that are billed with an ICD-9 code, will be denied.
- AHCCCS does not accept DSM-4 diagnosis codes. Services billed with DSM-4 diagnosis codes will be denied.

Billing for IHS/638 NFs & SNFs

Reimbursement

- The outpatient All-Inclusive Rate (AIR) for FFY 2020 is \$479. For the current year's outpatient AIR, please visit the Federal Register at:
 - <https://www.federalregister.gov/>
- The Capped FFS Rates for Nursing Facilities, for the current year, can be found on the AHCCCS website at:
 - <https://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/RatesAndBilling/FFS/nursingrates.html>

Fiscal Impact and State Plan Amendment

Fiscal Impact

The estimated aggregate fiscal impact to the Federal Budget of this update is as follows:

- **Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021: \$12,691,500**
- **Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022: \$13,534,900**

State Plan Amendment (SPA)

Please see below for the SPA submission and approval:

- Submission:
 - https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Downloads/MedicaidStatePlan/Amendments/2020/SubmissionPacket_20-011.pdf
- Approval:
 - <https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Downloads/MedicaidStatePlan/Amendments/2020/AZ20-0011Approved.pdf>



Division of Fee-for-Service Management (DFSM) Provider Education and Training Unit

Education and Training Questions?

The DFSM Provider Education and Training Unit can assist providers with the following:

- ❖ How to submit and status claims or prior authorization requests through the AHCCCS Online Provider Portal ([FFS programs, including AIHP, TRBHAs and Tribal ALTCS](#))
- ❖ Submission of documentation using the Transaction Insight Portal (e.g. The AHCCCS Daily Trip report, requested medical records, etc.)

Additionally the DFSM education and training unit offers trainings with informational updates to program changes, system updates, and changes to the AHCCCS policy, AHCCCS guides and manuals.

Education and Training Questions?

The DFSM Provider Education and Training Unit does not instruct providers on how to code or bill for a particular service.

For additional information on rates and coding please follow the below guidelines:

- ❖ **Rates** - Questions on AHCCCS FFS rates should be directed to the rates team at FFSRates@azahcccs.gov
- ❖ **Coding** - Questions on AHCCCS Coding should be directed to the coding team at CodingPolicyQuestions@azahcccs.gov

NOTE: The Coding team cannot instruct providers on how to code or bill for a particular service. Those questions should be directed to the provider's professional coder/biller.

- ❖ **ACC Plan Claims** - Questions regarding the submission of claims to an AHCCCS Complete Care (ACC) Health Plan should be directed to the appropriate ACC Health Plan.

Education and Training Questions?

For additional information on coding, please visit the AHCCCS Medical Coding Resources web page at:

- <https://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/MedicalCodingResources.html>

The DFSM Provider Training Team can be outreached at:

- providertrainingffs@azahcccs.gov

Questions?

Thank You.