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DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS

April 27, 2018

Tom Betlach, Director
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801 East Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Dear Mr. Betlach:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-005, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) San Francisco Regional Office on March 26, 2018. This SPA adds variances to the personal needs allowance for income garnished for child support and income garnished under a divorce decree.

Based on the information provided, we are approving SPA 18-005 with an effective date of April 1, 2018 as requested. We are enclosing the approved Form CMS-179 and the following Medicaid state plan page:

- Supplement 12a to Attachment 2.6-A, Page 1

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Brian Zolynas at (415) 744-3601 or Brian.Zolynas@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Henrietta Sam-Louie
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosure:

cc: Jessica Woodard
Annie Hollis

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: ARIZONA

VARIATIONS FROM THE BASIC PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE

For individuals with greater need, the following allowances are provided:

1. Individuals who have received institutional services less than 30 days:
300% of the Federal Benefit Rate (allowed by waiver)
2. Individuals receiving HCBS:
300% of the Federal Benefit Rate (as allowed by 42 CFR 435.726 and the 1115 waiver which allows the State to provide HCBS to individuals whose income does not exceed 300% of SSI.)
3. Income garnished for child support under a court order, including administrative fees garnished for collection efforts, but only to the extent that the amount garnished is not deducted as a monthly allowance for the dependent under any other provision of the post-eligibility process. The allowance given shall not exceed the actual garnishment paid in the month for which the PNA is calculated;
4. Income garnished for spousal maintenance under a judgment and decree for dissolution of marriage, including administrative fees garnished for collection efforts. The allowance given shall not exceed the actual garnishment paid in the month for which the PNA is calculated