

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Financial Management Group

May 28, 2019

Jami Snyder, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 E. Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034

RE: Arizona SPA 18-0015

Dear Ms. Snyder:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-A of your Medicaid state plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 18-0015. Effective October 27, 2018, this amendment authorizes the Arizona disproportionate share hospital (DSH) payments for the DSH state plan rate year ending 2019.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), 1903(a), and 1923 of the Social Security Act and the implementing federal regulations at 42 CFR 447 Subpart C. This is to inform you that Medicaid state plan amendment TN 18-0015 is approved effective October 27, 2018. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.


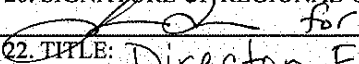
If you have any questions, please call Mark Wong at (415) 744-3561.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kristin Fan", is written over a horizontal line.

Kristin Fan
Director

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 18-015	2. STATE Arizona
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE October 27, 2018	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR Part 447		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: FFY 19: \$116,369,300 \$99,335,023	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 4.19-A Page 29-66 31, 65		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 4.19-A Pages 31, 65.	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Renews the DSH program for 2019			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Elizabeth Lorenz 801 E. Jefferson, MD#4200 Phoenix, Arizona 85034	
13. TYPED NAME: Elizabeth Lorenz			
14. TITLE: Assistant Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 12/27/18			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED: MAY 28 2019	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: OCT 27 2018		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Kristin Fan		22. TITLE: Director, FMG	
23. REMARKS: Pen-and-ink changes made to Boxes 7 and 8 by CMS regional office with state concurrence.			

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3. The hospital is a governmentally- operated hospital and is not an IHS facility, tribally owned and/or operated facility, or an other federally owned or operated facility. ("Group 4")		
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Medicare Certification

In addition to the eligibility requirements outlined above, in order to receive payment under Medicaid, hospitals must meet the requirements for participation as a hospital in Medicare (except in the case of medical supervision of nurse-midwife services). Therefore, for purposes of DSH, the facility must be Medicare-certified during the state plan rate year for which the initial DSH payment is made.

If a facility is Medicare-certified for the full state plan rate year for which the initial DSH payment is made, but subsequently loses that certification, the facility remains eligible to receive the payment (together with any payment adjustments). If a hospital is only Medicare-certified for part of the state plan rate year for which the initial DSH payment is made, the eligibility and the payment will be calculated based on the period for which the hospital was Medicare- certified.

Data on a State Plan Year Basis

DSH payments are made based on the State Plan Year. The State Plan Year (or State Plan Rate Year or SPY) is equivalent to the Federal Fiscal Year and runs from October 1 to September 30 of each year. The calculations to determine eligibility for, and the amount of, DSH payments, will be made on the basis of the State Plan Year. When data is not available based on a State Plan Year, the calculations to determine eligibility for, and the amount of, DSH payments, will be performed separately for each hospital's fiscal year which encompass the SPY and these results will be prorated based on the distribution of months from each of the two years. For example, for SPY 2019(10/1/18 to 9/30/19), for a hospital that has a CMS 2552 Report year that runs from 7/1 to 6/30, the proration of the results of the calculations from the 2552 Report will be derived by summing:

1. 9/12th of the result of the calculations performed for the fiscal/CMS Report year ending 6/30/19, and
2. 3/12th of the result of the calculations performed for the fiscal/CMS Report year ending 6/30/20.

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**DSH Exhibit 3:
AHCCCS
Disproportionate Share Hospital Payment
Methodology Pool Funding Amount**

This Exhibit contains the amount of funding for six pools in the Arizona DSH pool methodology.

For State Plan Year (SPY) 2008 and 2009, funding will be allocated among six pools (pools 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 3, and 4). For SPY 2010, funding will be allocated among seven pools (pools 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 3, 4, and 5). Thereafter, the funding will be allocated among six pools (pools 1, 1A, 2, 2A, 4, and 5).

Pools 1, 1A, 2, 2A, and 3 - Non-governmentally-operated hospitals

The funding for pools 1 and 2 will be sufficient to provide an average payment amount of \$6,000 for all hospitals qualifying for both of the two pools. No hospital in pools 1 or 2 will receive less than \$5,000. Therefore, the amount of funding for pools 1 and 2 will be determined by multiplying the number of hospitals qualifying for pools 1 and 2 by \$6,000.

The funding for pools 1A, 2A and 3 (if applicable) will be derived by subtracting the total amount allocated for pools 1 and 2 from the amount of DSH authorized by the Legislature for non-governmentally operated hospitals. Beginning SPY 2011, these remaining funds will be split with 15% for Pool 1A and 85% for Pool 2A.

- For SPY 2018, the funding for pools 1, 2, 1A, and 2A will be \$884,800.
- For SPY 2019, the funding for pools 1, 2, 1A, and 2A will be \$884,800.

Pool 4 – Governmentally-operated hospitals

The funding for pool 4 is the amount authorized by the Legislature for governmentally operated hospitals.

- For SPY 2018, the funding for pool 4 is \$142,293,400.
- For SPY 2019, the funding for pool 4 is \$142,293,400.