

February 26, 2018

Mark Wong
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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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RE: Arizona SPA #18-001, NF Rate Update

Dear Mr. Wong:

Enclosed is State Plan Amendment (SPA) #18-001, NF Rate Update, which revises the State Plan to describe changes to NF rates, effective January 1, 2018.


If you have any questions about the enclosed SPA, please contact Kyle Sawyer at (602) 417-4211.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Lorenz
Assistant Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

cc: Blake Holt, CMS
Brian Zolynas, CMS

<p align="center">TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</p> <p>FOR: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services</p>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 18-001	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 January 1, 2018	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (<i>Check One</i>):			
<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 (<i>Separate Transmittal for each amendment</i>)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR Part 447		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: FFY 17: \$157,400 FFY 18: \$157,200	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Att. 4.19-D, Page 8		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (<i>If Applicable</i>): Same	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Updates the State Plan to make changes to NF payments			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (<i>Check One</i>):			
<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: 2/26/18			
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17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED:	
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:	
21. TYPED NAME:		22. TITLE:	
23. REMARKS:			

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT
STATE: ARIZONA

METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING FEE-FOR-SERVICE PAYMENT RATES FOR LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES

85% for each facility, then add in the per day historic costs for property taxes and insurance to determine the statewide average capital component.

4. Total Rate

The per diem nursing facility rates are calculated by summing the primary care, indirect care, and capital cost components. These rates vary by member level of care and geographic area due to the primary care components.

5. Rate Update

Effective October 1, 2002 and each year thereafter, fee-for-service rates for nursing facilities will be updated by applying an inflation factor or factors to the rate components in effect for the prior year. This method of adjusting fee-for-service rates is consistent with the method used by AHCCCS for other medical services. For rates effective from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2013, and from October 1, 2015 and thereafter, no inflation factor will be applied.

Below are the AHCCCS FFS Nursing Facility Per Diem Rates effective on and after ~~January 1, 2018~~ July 1, 2018:

Level of Care	Revenue Code	Urban Rate*	Rural Rate	Flagstaff
Level 1	0191	\$155.04 <u>156.10</u>	\$150.18 <u>151.23</u>	\$151.27 <u>152.33</u>
Level 2	0192	\$169.46 <u>170.65</u>	\$163.66 <u>164.81</u>	\$164.83 <u>165.98</u>
Level 3	0193	\$201.04 <u>202.42</u>	\$194.58 <u>195.94</u>	\$195.98 <u>197.35</u>
LOA (Leave of Absence)**	0183, 0185	\$156.10 <u>155.04</u>	\$150.18 <u>151.23</u>	\$151.27 <u>152.33</u>

*AHCCCS has designated nursing facilities in the Arizona counties of Pima, Pinal, and Maricopa as Urban to be paid at the AHCCCS Urban Rate. All other counties inside or outside of Arizona are designated as Rural and are paid at the AHCCCS Rural Rate (except Flagstaff, which is paid at the rate specified above).

**This LOA rate only applies to reserved beds at Nursing Facilities

III. Other Provisions

A. Provider Appeals

Nursing facility providers have the right to request an informal rate reconsideration in accordance with the ALTCS Rules. Appeals are allowed for the following reasons:

- Extraordinary circumstances (as determined by the Director).
- Provision of specialty care services directed at members with high medical needs.
- Unique or unusually high case mix.

Appeals are made in writing to the Director. Appeals which are granted become effective no earlier than the date the appeal was requested.

B. Cost and Wage Reporting

AHCCCS uses cost and wage reports filed by the nursing facilities in the State of Arizona as a basis for these rate calculations.

TN No. ~~17-00418-001~~

Supersedes

Approval Date: _____ Effective Date: ~~July~~ January 1, 2018

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