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**Financial Management Group**

December 3, 2021

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

RE: Arizona SPA 21-0018

Dear Ms. Snyder:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 21-0018. This amendment updates nursing facility rates effective October 1, 2021.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to the statutory requirements at sections 1902(a)(13), 1902(a)(30), and 1903(a) 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 21-0018 is approved effective October 1, 2021. We are enclosing the CMS-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Wong at (415) 744-3561 or [mark.wong@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:mark.wong@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

*Francis T. McCullough*

For  
Rory Howe  
Director

Enclosures



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 October 1, 2021:

Level of Care	Revenue Code	Urban Rate*	Rural Rate	Flagstaff
LOA/Therapeutic **	183	\$183.93	\$178.20	\$184.07
LOA/Nursing Home**	185	\$183.93	\$178.20	\$184.07
Level 1	191	\$183.93	\$178.20	\$184.07
Level 2	192	\$201.08	\$194.19	\$200.56
Level 3	193	\$238.51	\$230.88	\$238.47

\*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.