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State Plan Amendment (SPA) #: AZ-22-0021

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

November 10, 2022

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

RE: Arizona SPA 22-0021

Dear Ms. Snyder:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0021. This amendment updates nursing facility rates effective October 1, 2022.

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 22-0021 is approved effective October 1, 2022. 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rory Howe".

Rory Howe
Director

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL****FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER

22 - 0021

2. STATE

AZ3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE **XIX** OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACTTO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
October 1, 20225. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR Part 447, Subpart C6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 23 \$ ~~4,277,994~~ **4,659,298**
b. FFY: 24 \$ 4,115,631

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 4.19-D
Pg. 88. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION
OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)Attachment 4.19-D
Pg. 8

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT

Updates the state plan Nursing Facility (NF) rates, effective October 1, 2022.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT



OTHER, AS



SPECIFIED: COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED



NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



15. RETURN TO

Dana Flannery
801 E. Jefferson St., MD # 4200
Phoenix, AZ 85034

12. TYPED NAME

Dana Flannery

13. TITLE

Assistant Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED: October 11, 2022

FOR CMS USE ONLY16. DATE RECEIVED
October 11, 202217. DATE APPROVED
November 10, 2022**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
October 1, 2022

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL



20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Rory Howe

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

Director, Financial Management Group

22. REMARKS

Pen-and-ink change made to Box 6 by CMS with state concurrence.

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, 2022:

Level of Care	Revenue Code	Urban Rate*	Rural Rate	Flagstaff
LOA/Therapeutic**	0183	\$ 205.74	\$ 199.32	\$ 205.29
LOA/Nursing Home**	0185	\$ 205.74	\$ 199.32	\$ 205.29
Level I	0191	\$ 205.74	\$ 199.32	\$ 205.29
Level II	0192	\$ 224.92	\$ 217.22	\$ 223.69
Level III	0193	\$ 266.79	\$ 258.25	\$ 265.97

*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.