

March 16, 2023

Brian Zolynas  
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
90 Seventh Street, Suite 5-300 (5W)  
San Francisco, CA 94103-6707

**RE: Arizona SPA # 23-0006, Suspend Cost Sharing, Temporary Extension**

Dear Mr. Zolynas:

Enclosed is State Plan Amendment (SPA) # 23-0006, Suspend Cost Sharing, Temporary Extension. This SPA temporarily suspends cost sharing, effective May 12, 2023. Cost sharing will resume on April 1, 2024.

Tribal Consultation on this SPA occurred on February 9, 2023. The Tribal Consultation presentation is available on the following webpage:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/Downloads/Consultations/Meetings/2023/02092023-QuarterlyTribalConsultationSlides.pdf>

Public Notice for this SPA was posted on the following webpages:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PublicNotices/TempExt-SuspensionOfCostSharing.pdf>

If there are any questions about the enclosed SPA, please contact Ruben Soliz at [ruben.soliz@azahcccs.gov](mailto:ruben.soliz@azahcccs.gov) or 602-417-4355.

Sincerely,



Alex Demyan  
Interim Assistant Director  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

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

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| 1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER<br><b>23 — 0006</b>                             | 2. STATE<br><b>AZ</b> |
| 3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <b>19</b> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT |                       |

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR  
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE  
**May 12, 2023**

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
Title XIX of the Social Security Act

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)  
a. FFY **23** \$ **16,000**  
b. FFY: **24** \$ **37,300**

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
  
Page 100


8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)  
  
NEW

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
Temporarily suspends member cost sharing until April 1, 2024.

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED  
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL  


12. TYPED NAME  
Alex Demyan

13. TITLE  
Interim Assistant Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED:  
March 16, 2023

15. RETURN TO  
Alex Demyan  
801 E. Jefferson St., MD #4200  
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16. DATE RECEIVED

17. DATE APPROVED

**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

**7.4.B. Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency**

Effective the day after the end of the PHE until April 1, 2024, the agency temporarily extends the following election(s) of section 7.4 (approved on 04/01/2020) of the state plan:

Premiums and Cost Sharing

X  The agency suspends deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and other cost sharing charges as follows:

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| Copays and premium requirements for all members are suspended for the duration of the Presidential and Secretarial emergency declarations related to the COVID-19 outbreak (or any renewals thereof). |
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