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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services  
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**RE: Arizona SPA #20-003, NF Rate Update**

Dear Mr. Wong:

Enclosed is State Plan Amendment (SPA) #20-003, NF Rate Update, which revises the State Plan to describe changes to NF rates, effective January 1, 2010. Please utilize the following links for information regarding Tribal Consultation and public notice requirements:

Tribal Consultation:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/Downloads/Consultations/Meetings/2020/MASTERSlidedeckTC022020.pdf>

Public Notice:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AHCCCS/Downloads/PublicNotices/rates/20191001PublicNoticeProp206.pdf>


If you have any questions about the enclosed SPA, please contact Alex Demyan at (602) 417-4130.

Sincerely,



Dana Flannery  
Assistant Director  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

cc: Blake Holt, CMS  
Brian Zolynas, CMS

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b>		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 20-003	2. STATE Arizona
<b>FOR: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services</b>		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, 2020	
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 2020: \$328,300 FFY 2021: N/A	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:  Attachment 4.19-D pg. 8		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT ( <i>If Applicable</i> ):  Attachment 4.19-D pg. 8	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:  Updates the State Plan to update the NF rates			
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:  Dana Flannery 801 E. Jefferson, MD#4200 Phoenix, Arizona 85034	
13. TYPED NAME: Dana Flannery			
14. TITLE: Assistant Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 3/30/20			
<b>FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY</b>			
17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED:	
<b>PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED</b>			
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 ~~October 1, 2019~~ January 1, 2020:

Level of Care	Revenue Code	Urban Rate*	Rural Rate	Flagstaff
LOA/Therapeutic	183	<del>\$169.06</del> <u>\$171.27</u>	<del>\$163.78</del> <u>\$165.93</u>	<del>\$165.99</del> <u>\$167.98</u>
LOA/Nursing Home	185	<del>\$169.06</del> <u>\$171.27</u>	<del>\$163.78</del> <u>\$165.93</u>	<del>\$165.99</del> <u>\$167.98</u>
Level 1	191	<del>\$169.06</del> <u>\$171.27</u>	<del>\$163.78</del> <u>\$165.93</u>	<del>\$165.99</del> <u>\$167.98</u>
Level 2	192	<del>\$184.81</del> <u>\$187.23</u>	<del>\$178.48</del> <u>\$180.82</u>	<del>\$180.86</del> <u>\$183.03</u>
Level 3	193	<del>\$219.22</del> <u>\$222.09</u>	<del>\$212.20</del> <u>\$214.98</u>	<del>\$215.04</del> <u>\$217.62</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.

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TN No. 19-017

Supersedes

TN No. 19-001

Approval Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: October 1, 2019