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Dear Alex Demyan:

We have reviewed Arizona's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 24-0002 received in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) OneMAC application on March 22, 2014. The SPA proposes to amend the rates for physician administered drugs (PAD), with an effective date of January 1, 2024.

We appreciate the interactions we have had concerning the proposed changes to your Medicaid State Plan. Before we can continue processing SPA 24-0002, we need clarifying information regarding the state's documentation to support the proposed changes. Therefore, we are requesting additional information pursuant to Section 1915(f) of the Social Security Act (the Act).

Request: Reliance on Final Action on SPA AZ-23-0003

We note that no action can occur on SPA AZ-24-0002 until final agency action has been taken on SPA AZ-23-0003, as SPA AZ-24-0002 assumes that the proposed changes affected by SPA 23-0003 have been implemented. AZ SPA 23-0003 must be processed and approved prior to CMS finalizing the review of AZ SPA 24-0002 since the same state plan pages are involved in both SPA submissions. Therefore, we are issuing this request as a formal request for additional information (RAI), and we ask that you provide your official responses to this RAI after approval of SPA AZ-23-0003.

This RAI is made pursuant to Section 1915(f) of the Social Security Act and will stop the 90-day period for CMS's review and approval of a SPA. Upon receipt of your additional information, a new 90-day period will begin.

In order to be considered an official response, we ask that you respond to this Request for Additional Information via the OneMAC portal at <http://onemac.cms.gov>. If you have any

questions regarding this request, please contact Whitney Swears at (410) 786-6543 or Whitney.Swears@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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