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OCT 04 2016

Tom Betlach, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 E. Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034

RE: Arizona State Plan Amendment 15-005D

Dear Mr. Betlach:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-005D. This amendment, effective October 1, 2015, maintains the nursing facility rates at the September 30, 2015 level and permanently ends the application of an automatic inflation factor.

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 15-005D is approved effective October 1, 2015. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Mark Wong at (415) 744-3561.

Sincerely,

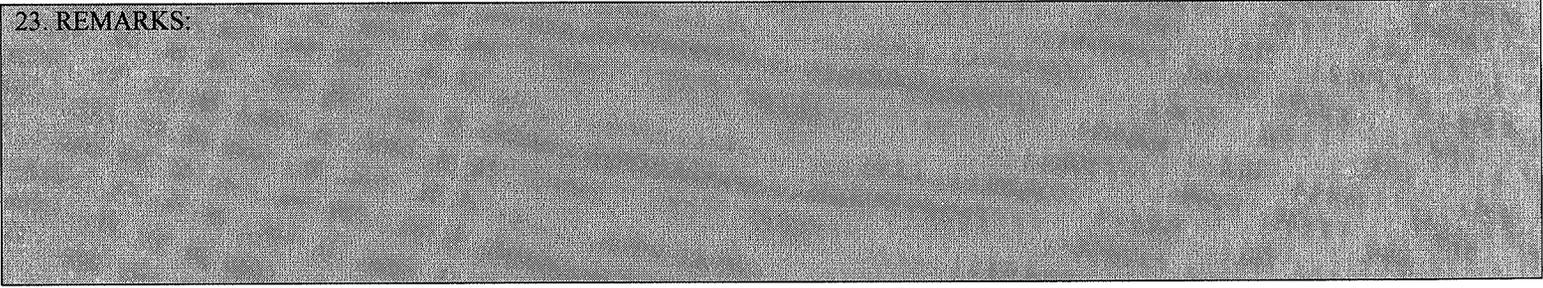
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kristin Fan", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kristin Fan
Director

Enclosures

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 15-005D	2. STATE Arizona
		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 October 1, 2015	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One): <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 (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 CFR 447 Subpart C		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: FFY 16: (\$644,733) FFY 17: (\$644,733)	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Att. 4.19-D, page 8.		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Same	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Updates reimbursement rates for Nursing Facilities the period October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 and permanently removes the automatic inflation factor beginning October 1, 2015.			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One): <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: Monica Coury 801 E. Jefferson, MD#4200 Phoenix, Arizona 85034	
13. TYPED NAME: Monica Coury			
14. TITLE: Assistant Director			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: August 27, 2015			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED:		18. DATE APPROVED: OCT 04 2016	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: OCT 01 2015		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: 	
21. TYPED NAME: Kristin Faw		22. TITLE: Director, PMG	

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, 2014:

Level of Care	Revenue Code	Urban Rate*	Rural Rate
Level 1	0191	\$147.83	\$143.24
Level 2	0192	\$161.62	\$156.08
Level 3	0193	\$191.70	\$185.57
LOA (Leave of Absence)**	0183, 0185	\$147.83	\$143.24

*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.

**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.