Financial Management Group

APR 21 2013

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

RE: Arizona SPA 15-0002

Dear Mr. Betlach:

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid State plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 15-0002. This amendment updates the amounts of nursing facility supplemental payments funded by an Arizona nursing facility assessment.

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 15-0002 is approved effective January 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 or Blake Holt at (415) 744-3754.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Timothy Hill
Director

Enclosures
TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL

FOR: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

☐ NEW STATE PLAN
☐ AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN
☒ AMENDMENT

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:

1927(b)
42 CFR 447 Subpart C, 42 CFR 433.68(d)

7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT:

FFY 15: $1,030,000
FFY 16: $1,030,000

8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT:

Att. 4.19-D, page 9(a), page 9

9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):

Same

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

Updates the Nursing Facility assessment dollar amounts in State Plan.

11. 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

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:

[Signature]

Monica Coury
Assistant Director
March 19, 2015

13. TYPED NAME:

Monica Coury

14. TITLE:

Assistant Director

15. DATE SUBMITTED:

March 19, 2015

16. RETURN TO:

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17. DATE RECEIVED:

18. DATE APPROVED:

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19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:

JAN 01 2015

20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:

[Signature]

21. TYPED NAME:

Kristin Fan

22. TITLE:

Deputy Director, Emc

23. REMARKS:

Pen-and-ink changes made to Boxes 6 and 8 by RO with state concurrence.

FORM HCFA-179 (07-92)
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

C. Audit Requirements
The AHCCCS periodically conducts audits of the financial and statistical records of participating providers. Specifications for the audits are found in the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) Uniform Accounting and Reporting System and Guide for Credits of ALTCS Contractors and Providers.

D. Rates Paid
Fee-for-service reimbursement for nursing facilities is made in accordance with methods and standards which are specified in this attachment of the State Plan.

E. Nursing Facility Supplemental Payments
Effective October 1, 2012, nursing facilities with Arizona Medicaid utilization will receive a quarterly supplemental payment to compensate providers for costs of covered services furnished to Arizona Medicaid beneficiaries to improve access to care.

1. Each nursing facility’s supplemental payment shall be determined as follows:
   a) On a quarterly basis, AHCCCS shall determine the aggregate supplemental payment amount for all nursing facilities by:
      i. Determining the total amount from the nursing facility provider assessment fund for the quarter, which is the assessment amount collected from providers in accordance with paragraph E.2.
      ii. Subtracting one percent of the total estimated assessments, and
      iii. Dividing the difference of subsections (a)(i) and (a)(ii) by (1 minus the appropriate federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP).

   b) AHCCCS shall calculate the quarterly supplemental payment to each nursing facility that has Arizona Medicaid utilization per paragraph (b)(i) below, excluding ICF/IID's and Arizona Veteran’s Homes, by:
      i. Determining each facility’s proportion of Medicaid resident bed days to total nursing facility Medicaid resident bed days for all facilities by utilizing adjudicated claims and encounter data for the most recent 12 month period, including appropriate claims lag. The most recent 12 month period is defined as the contiguous 12-month period that ends six months prior to the month in which the Medicaid resident bed days are pulled. AHCCCS will pull the Medicaid resident bed day data in the first quarter of each payment year.
      ii. Multiplying subsections (b)(i) and (a)(iii)
      iii. Determining the fee-for-service share of the amount in (b)(ii) by applying a ratio of the facility’s Medicaid fee-for-service bed days to the facility’s total Medicaid bed days. The remaining share pertains to Medicaid managed care services; Medicaid managed care services are reimbursed separately by AHCCCS through capitation payments.
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(c) AHCCCS shall make quarterly supplemental payments to nursing facility providers after the assessment quarter. The fee-for-service quarterly supplemental payment will be made directly to each nursing facility. If the fee-for-service quarterly supplemental payment amount is less than $25 for an individual facility, no fee-for-service quarterly supplemental payment will be made.

(d) A facility must be open on the date the supplemental payment is made in order to receive a payment.

(e) During the quarter ending March 31, 2015, an additional quarterly payment adjustment will be made that is equal to the difference between what the quarterly payment would be if the pool amount was determined under paragraph 2 below effective January 1, 2015 and what the quarterly payment would be if the pool amount was determined based on paragraph 2 as it was in effect prior to January 1, 2015.

2. The nursing facility assessment to be collected from each nursing facility is as follows:

(a) The assessment is imposed on non-Medicare patient days as allowed for under 42 CFR 433.68(d);
(b) The assessment imposed is $10.50 per non-Medicare day except:
   i. Continuing Care Retirement Communities, ICF/IID, IHS and Tribal 638 nursing facilities, and Arizona Veteran’s Homes will not be assessed;
   ii. Facilities with 58 or fewer total beds will not be assessed; and
   iii. Facilities with annual Medicaid days greater than or equal to the number required to achieve a slope of at least 1 applying the uniformity tax waiver test described in 42 CFR 433.68(e)(2) will be assessed at a rate of $1.40 per non-Medicare day.

The patient days used in the computations are derived from the Nursing Facility Uniform Accounting Report (UAR) Cost Reports filed with the Arizona Department of Health Services. Calculations for the assessment will be made once per year in August, using the most recently filed UAR as of August 1 immediately preceding the start of the assessment year. Only those facilities with a full year UAR will be assessed. The computed annual assessment amount will be divided by four and imposed on a quarterly basis.