July 13, 2016

Tom Betlach, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 East Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Dear Mr. Betlach:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-003, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) San Francisco Regional Office on May 12, 2016. This SPA expands the types of vaccines and immunizations administered by pharmacists that can be reimbursed under the other licensed practitioner services benefit.

Based on the information provided, we are approving SPA 16-003 with an effective date of July 1, 2016 as requested. We are enclosing the approved Form CMS-179 and the following Medicaid State Plan page:

- Attachment 4.19-B, Page 5b

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Brian Zolynas at (415) 744-3601 or Brian.Zolynas@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

Henrietta Sam-Louie
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children’s Health Operations

cc: Jessica Woodard
# 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**

## 1. Transmittal Number
16-003

## 2. State
Arizona

## 3. Program Identification
Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid)

## 4. Proposed Effective Date
July 1, 2016

## 5. Type of Plan Material
- [ ] New State Plan
- [ ] Amendment to be considered as New Plan
- [X] Amendment

Complete blocks 6 thru 10 if this is an amendment (separate transmittal for each amendment)

## 6. Federal Statute/Regulation Citation
42 CFR Part 447

## 7. Federal Budget Impact
FFY 16: $0

## 8. Page Number of the Plan Section or Attachment
Att. 4.19-B, page 5(b)

## 9. Page Number of the Superseded Plan Section or Attachment (If Applicable)
Same

## 10. Subject of Amendment
Updates the State Plan to expand the types of vaccines and immunizations administered by pharmacists for AHCCCS members consistent with ARS §32-1974.

## 11. Governor’s Review
- [X] 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
Monica Coury
Assistant Director
May 12, 2016

## 13. Typed Name
Monica Coury

## 14. Title
Assistant Director

## 15. Date Submitted
May 12, 2016

## 16. Return To
Monica Coury  
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## 17. Date Received
May 12, 2016

## 18. Date Approved
July 13, 2016

## 19. Effective Date of Approved Material
July 1, 2016

## 20. Signature of Regional Official
Henrietta Sam-Louie
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children’s Health Operations

## 21. Typed Name
Henrietta Sam-Louie

## 22. Title
Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid & Children’s Health Operations

## 23. Remarks
METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES
OTHER TYPES OF CARE

- **Other Licensed Practitioner Services**
  - OLP-Pharmacist: AHCCCS-registered pharmacies will be reimbursed for all AHCCCS covered immunizations and anaphylaxis agents administered by licensed pharmacists within the scope of their practice. AHCCCS will provide an administration fee for pharmacies administering the vaccine. The administration fee can be found on the AHCCCS website at [https://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/RatesAndBilling/FFS/pharmacy.html](https://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/RatesAndBilling/FFS/pharmacy.html)

- Dental Services
- Vision Services (including eye examinations, eyeglasses and contact lenses)
- Diagnostic, Screening and Preventive Services
- Respiratory Care Services
- Transportation Services (see page 5h for information about ambulance rates)
- Private Duty Nurse Services
- Other practitioner’s services
- Physical therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Services for individuals with speech, hearing and language disorders
- Prosthetic devices
- Screening services
- Preventative services
- Rehabilitation services
- EPSDT services
- Face-to-Face Tobacco Cessation Counseling Services Benefit Package for Pregnant Women: The rates for these services are included in the fee schedules listed under this Attachment associated with the relevant provider services.