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

RE: Arizona State Plan Amendment 17-001  

Dear Mr. Betlach:  

We have reviewed the proposed amendment to Attachment 4.19-D of your Medicaid state plan submitted under transmittal number (TN) 17-001. This amendment increases rates for nursing facilities, effective January 1, 2017.

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 17-001 is approved effective January 1, 2017. We are enclosing the HCFA-179 and the amended plan pages.

If you have any questions, please call Blake Holt at (415) 744-3754.

Sincerely,  

Kristin Fan  
Director

Enclosures
## TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL

**FOR:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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

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**5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):**

- [x] AMENDMENT

**COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment):**

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<th>6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:</th>
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**10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:**

Updates the State Plan to make changes to NF payments

**11. GOVERNOR’S REVIEW (Check One):**

- [x] GOVERNOR’S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT

**12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:**

Elizabeth Lorenz
801 E. Jefferson, MD#4200
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

**13. TYPED NAME:**

Elizabeth Lorenz

**14. TITLE:**

Assistant Director

**15. DATE SUBMITTED:**

3/29/17

**16. RETURN TO:**

Elizabeth Lorenz
801 E. Jefferson, MD#4200
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

**FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY:**

**17. DATE RECEIVED:**

**18. DATE APPROVED:**

JUN 15 2017

**19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL:**

JAN 01 2017

**20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:**

**21. TYPED NAME:**

**22. TITLE:**

Director, FMC

**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 January 1, 2017:

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<td>0183, 0185</td>
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*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.