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Jackie Glaze
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U.S. Department of Health & Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
90 Seventh Street, Suite 5-300 (5W)
San Francisco, CA 94103-6707

RE: Arizona SPA #21-003, Medication-Assisted Treatment

Dear Ms. Glaze:

Enclosed is State Plan Amendment (SPA) #21-003, Medication-Assisted Treatment, which updates the State Plan to explicitly attest to Arizona's coverage of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and related counseling and behavioral health therapies, effective October 1, 2020. Due to the state's tireless work in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, our ability to submit this coverage and SPA for the new MAT benefit according to the regulatory SPA submission and notice timelines was delayed. As such, we are requesting the following modification under Section 1135:

Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) and/or 1135(b)(1)(C) of the Act, the state Medicaid agency requests modification of SPA submission requirements at 42 C.F.R. 430.20, in order to submit this SPA implementing section 1905(a)(29) of the Act by March 31, 2021 that would take effect on October 1, 2020.

If you have any questions about the enclosed SPA, please contact Alex Demyan at (602) 417-4130.

Sincerely,



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Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)