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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



June 29, 2022

Jami Snyder, Director
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
801 East Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Re: Arizona State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0005

Dear Ms. Snyder:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0005. This amendment proposes to assure the state's coverage of COVID-19 vaccine and vaccine administration, as required by section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act (Act).

Pursuant to section 1135(b)(5) of the Act, for the period of the public health emergency, CMS is modifying the requirement at 42 C.F.R. §430.20 that the state submit SPAs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency by the final day of the quarter, to obtain a SPA effective date during the quarter, enabling SPAs submitted after the last day of the quarter to have an effective date in a previous quarter, but no earlier than the effective date of the public health emergency.

Please note that the establishment of or changes to any payment methodologies approved to take effect after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) in this SPA must meet the public notice requirements of 42 CFR 447.205.

CMS conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that Arizona's Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number 22-0005 is approved effective March 11, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Zolynas at 415-744-3601 or via email at Brian.Zolynas@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Alissa Mooney DeBoy
On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

Enclosures

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF
STATE PLAN MATERIAL
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 22- 0005	2. STATE AZ
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE 19 OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	

TO: CENTER DIRECTOR
CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE
March 11, 2021

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY 2021 \$ 0
b. FFY: 2022 \$ 0

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT

Attachment 7.7-A
Page 1-3

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

NEW

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Attests to the state's coverage of COVID-19 Vaccination at Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act

10. 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

OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL


15. RETURN TO
Dana Flannery
801 E, Jefferson, MD#4200
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12. TYPED NAME
Dana Flannery

13. TITLE
Assistant Director

14. DATE SUBMITTED: April 7, 2022

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16. DATE RECEIVED
April 7, 2022

17. DATE APPROVED
June 29, 2022

PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL
March 11, 2021

19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
Alissa Mooney DeBoy

21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
on Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director, CMCS

22. REMARKS

Vaccine and Vaccine Administration at Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act

During the period starting March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act):

Coverage

The state assures coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and administration of the vaccines.¹

The state assures that such coverage:

1. Is provided to all eligibility groups covered by the state, including the optional Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services, Individuals with Tuberculosis, and COVID-19 groups if applicable, with the exception of the Medicare Savings Program groups and the COBRA Continuation Coverage group for which medical assistance consists only of payment of premiums; and
2. Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(H) and section 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.

Applies to the state's approved Alternative Benefit Plans, without any deduction, cost sharing or similar charge, pursuant to section 1937(b)(8)(A) of the Act.

The state provides coverage for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to §§1902(a)(11), 1902(a)(43), and 1905(hh) of the Act.

The state assures compliance with the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declarations and authorizations, including all of the amendments to the declaration, with respect to the providers that are considered qualified to prescribe, dispense, administer, deliver and/or distribute COVID-19 vaccines.

Additional Information (Optional):

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¹ The vaccine will be claimed under this benefit once the federal government discontinues purchasing the vaccine.

Reimbursement

X The state assures that the state plan has established rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for all qualified providers pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

List Medicaid state plan references to payment methodologies that describe the rates for COVID-19 vaccines and their administration for each applicable Medicaid benefit:

- Payment Methodology for Vaccine Administration during the PHE: State Plan page 96 as established by DR SPA AZ-20-0031 from 3/11/21 through 8/8/21 and by DR SPA AZ-21-0007, from 8/9/21 through the end of the PHE.
- The state has checked the “establishing” box below to set the vaccine administration rate from one day after the end of the PHE to the end of the ARP period.
- 4.19-B, page 7-9: IHS/638 Facilities are paid at the Outpatient all-inclusive rate (AIR)
- 4.19-B, page 3a-5: FQHC/RHCs are paid at the PPS Rate when vaccine administration is provided as part of a clinic visit
- 4.19-B, page 5c: Payment Methodology for EPSDT Vaccine Counseling

X The state is establishing rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

X The state’s rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are consistent with Medicare rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines, including any future Medicare updates at the:

- Medicare national average, OR
- X Associated geographically adjusted rate.

The state is establishing a state specific fee schedule for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

The state’s rate is as follows and the state’s fee schedule is published in the following location :

X The state’s fee schedule is the same for all governmental and private providers.

___ The below listed providers are paid differently from the above rate schedules and payment to these providers for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are described under the benefit payment methodology applicable to the provider type:

___ The payment methodologies for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines for providers listed above are described below:

___ The state is establishing rates for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to sections 1905(a)(4)(E), 1905(r)(1)(B)(v) and 1902(a)(30)(A) of the Act.

___ The state's rate is as follows and the state's fee schedule is published in the following location :

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