

September 25, 2024

Mark Wong
Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations
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 # AZ-24-0011, DSH Pool 4 Reallocation

Dear Mr. Wong:

Enclosed is State Plan Amendment (SPA) # AZ-24-0011, DSH Pool 4 Reallocation. This SPA updates the State Plan to detail the reallocation of excess DSH Pool 4 funding, with an effective date of September 30, 2024.

Tribal Consultation on this SPA occurred on August 5, 2024. The Tribal Consultation presentation is available on the following webpage:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/AmericanIndians/TribalConsultation/>

Public Notice for this SPA was posted on the following webpages:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/PublicNotices/DSHFY25NOPI.pdf>

If there are any questions about the enclosed SPA, please contact Maxwell Seifer at Maxwell.Seifer@azahcccs.gov or 602-417-4722.

Sincerely,



Kyle Sawyer
Assistant Director, Public Policy and Strategic Planning
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

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

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER 24 — 0011	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
September 30, 2024

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION
42 CFR Part 447

6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars)
a. FFY: **2025** \$ **TBD**
b. FFY: **2026** \$ **TBD**

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT
Attachment 4.19-A Page 67, 67(a)


8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable)
Attachment 4.19-A Page 67, 67(a)

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Updates the State Plan to detail the reallocation of excess DSH Pool 4 funding.

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


12. TYPED NAME
Kyle Sawyer

13. TITLE
Assistant Director, Public Policy and Strategic Planning

14. DATE SUBMITTED: September 25, 2024

15. RETURN TO
Kyle Sawyer
801 E. Jefferson St., MD #4200
Phoenix, AZ 85034

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16. DATE RECEIVED	17. DATE APPROVED
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL

22. REMARKS

STATE OF ARIZONA
METHODS AND STANDARDS FOR ESTABLISHING PAYMENT RATES
INPATIENT HOSPITAL CARE

For SPY 2018, excess pool 4 funding not allocated due to OBRA limits will be reallocated first to pools 1, 1A, 2, and 2A. This reallocation to the pools will be based proportionately on the SPY 2018 pool allocation. For each pool, the distribution of the reallocated DSH funding to the hospitals within the pool will be based on each hospital's 2018 relative weights as described in the "Determination of Payment Amounts" section of this Attachment C. SPY 2018 payments made from reallocated funds will be added to the hospital's original SPY 2018 payments with the total SPY payments subject to each hospital's OBRA limit. Additionally, after the reallocating to pools 1, 1A, 2 and 2A, any remaining excess pool 4 funding may then be reallocated to pool 5. The reallocation will be allocated within pool 5 based proportionately according to the hospital's LOM scores, subject to the each hospital's remaining OBRA limit. For SPY 2018, any excess DSH funding in pool 4 not allocated due to OBRA limits may be reallocated to DSH pools 1, 1A, 2, 2A, and 5 until September 30, 2020. The amount to be reallocated to DSH pools 1, 1A, 2 and 2A is \$~~0~~. The amount to be reallocated to DSH pool 5 is \$~~0~~.

For SPY 2019, excess pool 4 funding not allocated due to OBRA limits will be reallocated first to pools 1, 1A, 2, and 2A. This reallocation to the pools will be based proportionately on the SPY 2019 pool allocation. For each pool, the distribution of the reallocated DSH funding to the hospitals within the pool will be based on each hospital's 2019 relative weights as described in the "Determination of Payment Amounts" section of this Attachment C. SPY 2019 payments made from reallocated funds will be added to the hospital's original SPY 2019 payments with the total SPY payments subject to each hospital's OBRA limit. Additionally, after the reallocating to pools 1, 1A, 2 and 2A, any remaining excess pool 4 funding may then be reallocated to pool 5. The reallocation will be allocated within pool 5 based proportionately according to the hospital's LOM scores, subject to the each hospital's remaining OBRA limit. For SPY 2019, any excess DSH funding in pool 4 not allocated due to OBRA limits may be reallocated to DSH pools 1, 1A, 2, 2A, and 5 until September 30, 2020. The amount to be reallocated to DSH pools 1, 1A, 2 and 2A is \$~~0~~.

For SPY 2020, excess pool 4 funding not allocated due to OBRA limits will be reallocated first to pools 1, 1A, 2, and 2A. This reallocation to the pools will be based proportionately on the SPY 2020 pool allocation. For each pool, the distribution of the reallocated DSH funding to the hospitals within the pool will be based on each hospital's 2020 relative weights as described in the "Determination of Payment Amounts" section of this Attachment C. SPY 2020 payments made from reallocated funds will be added to the hospital's original SPY 2020 payments with the total SPY payments subject to each hospital's OBRA limit. Additionally, after the reallocating to pools 1, 1A, 2 and 2A, any remaining excess pool 4 funding may then be reallocated to pool 5. The reallocation will be allocated within pool 5 based proportionately according to the hospital's LOM scores, subject to the each hospital's remaining OBRA limit. For SPY 2020, any excess DSH funding

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in pool 4 not allocated due to OBRA limits may be reallocated to DSH pools 1, 1A, 2, 2A, and 5 until September 30, 2021. The amount to be reallocated to DSH pools 1, 1A, 2 and 2A is \$0*. The amount to be reallocated to DSH pool 5 is \$18,122,533*.

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For SPY 2021, excess pool 4 funding not allocated due to OBRA limits will be reallocated first to pools 1, 1A, 2, and 2A. This reallocation to the pools will be based proportionately on the SPY 2020 pool allocation. For each pool, the distribution of the reallocated DSH funding to the hospitals within the pool will be based on each hospital's 2021 relative weights as described in the "Determination of Payment Amounts" section of this Attachment C. SPY 2021 payments made from reallocated funds will be added to the hospital's original SPY 2021 payments with the total SPY payments subject to each hospital's OBRA limit. Additionally, after the reallocating to pools 1, 1A, 2 and 2A, any remaining excess pool 4 funding may then be reallocated to pool 5. The reallocation will be allocated within pool 5 based proportionately according to the hospital's LOM scores, subject to the each hospital's remaining OBRA limit. For SPY 2021, any excess DSH funding in pool 4 not allocated due to OBRA limits may be reallocated to DSH pools 1, 1A, 2, 2A, and 5 until September 30, 2022. The amount to be reallocated to DSH pools 1, 1A, 2 and 2A is \$x. The amount to be reallocated to DSH pool 5 is \$0*.

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For SPY 2024, excess pool 4 funding not allocated due to OBRA limits will be reallocated first to pools 1, 1A, 2, and 2A. This reallocation to the pools will be based proportionately on the SPY 2024 pool allocation. For each pool, the distribution of the reallocated DSH funding to the hospitals within the pool will be based on each hospital's 2024 relative weights as described in the "Determination of Payment Amounts" section of this Attachment C. SPY 2024 payments made from reallocated funds will be added to the hospital's original SPY 2024 payments with the total SPY payments subject to each hospital's OBRA limit. Additionally, after the reallocating to pools 1, 1A, 2 and 2A, any remaining excess pool 4 funding may then be reallocated to pool 5. The reallocation will be allocated within pool 5 based proportionately according to the hospital's LOM scores, subject to the each hospital's remaining OBRA limit. For SPY 2024, any excess DSH funding in pool 4 not allocated due to OBRA limits may be reallocated to DSH pools 1, 1A, 2, 2A, and 5 until September 30, 2025. The amount to be reallocated to DSH pools 1, 1A, 2 and 2A is \$0. The amount to be reallocated to DSH pool 5 is \$x.

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