

**AHCCCS NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION  
INTENT TO SUBMIT A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA)**

**Name of the Agency:** Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS)

**The topic of the public information notice:** Inform the public of AHCCCS's intent to submit a State Plan Amendment.

**SPA Title:** DSH Medicaid Shortfall Calculation

**SPA Overview:** This SPA updates the state plan to reflect changes to the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Medicaid shortfall calculation established through the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

**Tribal Consultation:**

AHCCCS consulted with Tribes regarding this SPA on February 9, 2023. Below is a link to more information regarding the tribal consultation meeting.

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

**State Plan Amendment and Public Comment Period**

The proposed SPA is located on the next page of this document.

Public notice was posted on February 1, 2023.

Comments will be accepted through March 18, 2023.

Comments can be submitted through email or postal mail. The addresses where comments may be sent are provided below.

- Email:  
publicinput@azahcccs.gov
- Postal Mail:  
AHCCCS  
Attn: Division of Community Advocacy and Intergovernmental Relations  
801 E. Jefferson St., MD 4200  
Phoenix, AZ 85034

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The steps to computing the OBRA limit are:

1. The hospital shall prepare its CMS 2552 Report (cost report(s)). Each hospital must complete the cost report to determine cost center-specific per diems (for inpatient routine services) and ratios of cost to charges (RCC) (for ancillary services). The cost reports must be completed based on Medicare cost principles and Medicare cost allocation process as specified in the CMS 2552 instructions and the CMS Provider Reimbursement Manual, volumes 15-1 and 15-2, including updates.
2. Medicaid shortfall will be calculated based on information available from PMMIS, other AHCCCS financial systems, and the cost report.
3. Uninsured costs will be calculated based on uninsured days and charges and other program data collected by each hospital from its claims and financial records, other systems, and the cost report.

The sum of each hospital's Medicaid shortfall (whether positive or negative) and uninsured costs (whether positive or negative) is that hospital's OBRA limit.

The Medicaid Shortfall

[In alignment with Section 203 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, AHCCCS will calculate the Medicaid Shortfall, inclusive only of costs and payments for hospital services furnished to individuals for whom Medicaid is the primary payer.](#)

The data used to calculate the Medicaid shortfall is extracted from the cost report(s) as well as from the AHCCCS PMMIS system and other AHCCCS financial reporting systems.

The information from AHCCCS will include, but not be limited to:

1. The number of Medicaid fee for service (FFS) inpatient hospital days for each inpatient routine service cost center on the cost report
2. The number of Medicaid managed care inpatient hospital days for each inpatient routine service cost center on the cost report
3. The Medicaid inpatient and outpatient hospital FFS charges for each ancillary cost center on the cost report
4. The amounts of payments made by or on behalf of patients and payments made by third parties related to Medicaid inpatient and outpatient hospital FFS services
5. The amounts of Medicaid payments made by AHCCCS for inpatient and outpatient hospital FFS services
6. The Medicaid inpatient and outpatient hospital managed care charges for each ancillary cost center on the cost report
7. The amounts of payments made by or on behalf of patients and payments made by third parties related to Medicaid inpatient and outpatient hospital services for health plans and program contractors
8. The amounts of Medicaid payments made by managed care organizations for inpatient and outpatient hospital services

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9. Other amounts of Medicaid payments for Medicaid inpatient and outpatient services furnished during the Medicaid state plan year under review (e.g. GME, CAH, etc.)
10. AHCCCS may apply trending factors for the initial payment to account for changes in utilization (e.g., due to changes in Medicaid eligibility criteria), supplemental payments, and Medicaid payments and rates. The adjustments may increase or decrease the days, costs, charges, or payments reflected on the cost reports, Medicaid and/or uninsured information. The adjustments will reflect increases and decreases resulting from changes in operations or circumstances that are not reflected in the information from the state plan year two years prior.

For each hospital, the cost-center-specific per diems and ratios of cost to charges (RCC) from the cost report will be applied to the data extracted from PMMIS (days and charges) to determine the cost of providing inpatient and outpatient Medicaid services. Inpatient and outpatient Medicaid services will not include services reimbursed as Rural Health Clinic or Federally Qualified Health Clinic services. The per diem amounts will be calculated by dividing:

- The individual amounts on Worksheet B, Part I Column 24 Lines (and where applicable Subscript Lines) 30 to 35 and Lines 40 to 43
- By
- The corresponding day totals on Line 1, Lines (and where applicable Subscript Lines) 8 through 13 and Lines 16 to 18 (for inpatient hospital subproviders) from Worksheet S-3, Part I Column 8.

Note: when calculating the Adults and Pediatrics (General Routine Care) per diem, the amount on Worksheet B, Part I, Column 24, Line 30 should have deducted the amounts appearing on Worksheet D-1, Part I, Lines 26 and 36 and the amount on Worksheet S-3, Part I, Column 8, Line 1 should have added the amount appearing on Line 28 (observation bed days).

The ancillary RCCs will be calculated by dividing:

- The individual Line and Subscript amounts for each of the Lines 50 to 76 and Lines 90 to 93 taken from Worksheet B, Part I Column 24
- By
- The individual Line and Subscript amounts for each of the Lines 50 to 76 and Lines 90 to 93 taken from Worksheet C, Part I Column 8

~~Costs will be offset by the payments made by or on behalf of patients and payments made by third parties related to Medicaid inpatient and outpatient hospital services as well as payments made by AHCCCS including FFS payments and payments by managed care~~

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organizations, made during the hospital's fiscal/CMS Report years that encompass the state plan year. For purposes of the Medicaid Shortfall calculation, costs and payments do not include costs and payments associated with the services provided to Medicaid-eligible individuals when Medicaid is not the primary payor for those services. Supplemental payments (such as GME, Rural Hospital Inpatient Payment and CAH) will be based on the state plan year. During the initial calculation, AHCCCS may use actual data if available as opposed to two years prior payments.

#### Uninsured Costs

Each hospital will collect and submit to the state uninsured days and charges and program data for the state plan year from the hospital's claims and auditable financial records. Only hospital inpatient and outpatient days and charges and program data for medical services that would otherwise be eligible for Medicaid should be included in the DSH calculation. Inpatient and outpatient uninsured services will not include services that would be reimbursed as Rural Health Clinic or Federally Qualified Health Clinic services if the patient were eligible for Medicaid. The uninsured days, charges and program information provided to the state are subject to the same audit standards and procedures as the data included in the cost report.

When providing uninsured days, charges and program information hospitals should be guided by the following:

The Uninsured are defined as:

- Self pay and self insured patients
- Individuals with no source of third party coverage for inpatient and outpatient hospital services
- Third party coverage does not include state and local government subsidized care (i.e. individuals covered by indigent programs without other forms of third party coverage are uninsured)
- Payments made by state or local government are not considered a source of third party payment
- It is permissible to include in the Uninsured individuals who do not possess health insurance which would apply to the service for which the individual sought treatment.
- Individuals with AHCCCS coverage (under either Title XIX or Title XXI) are not considered uninsured
- Individuals participating in a Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program that have no source of third party coverage for the services provided other than the Ryan White program are considered uninsured. However, the funding provided under the program must be considered payments received from or on behalf of patients or payments received from third parties.

When submitting uninsured days, charges and program information hospitals should accompany the submission with:

- A listing of all payor types that are included in the uninsured data compilation, and