

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
601 E. 12th St., Room 355  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

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September 23, 2022

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

Re: Arizona State Plan Amendment (SPA) 22-0008

Dear Ms. Snyder:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) 22-0008. This amendment clarifies coverage of crisis intervention services.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that Arizona Medicaid SPA 22-0008 was approved on September 23, 2022, with an effective date of April 1, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Zolynas at 415-744-3601 or via email at [Brian.Zolynas@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Brian.Zolynas@cms.hhs.gov)

Sincerely,



Digitally signed by  
James G. Scott -S  
Date: 2022.09.23  
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James G. Scott, Director  
Division of Program Operations

cc: Dana Flannery, AHCCCS  
Ruben Soliz, AHCCCS  
Alex Demyan, AHCCCS

**TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF  
STATE PLAN MATERIAL**

**FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES**

1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <b>22-0008</b>	2. STATE <b>AZ</b>
3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE <b>19</b> OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT	
4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE <b>April 1, 2022</b>	
6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <b>22</b> \$ <b>0</b> b. FFY <b>23</b> \$ <b>0</b>	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) <b>Attachment 3.1-A Limitations, Page 9(e)</b>  <b>New</b>	

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

5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION  
**Section 1947(b) of the Social Security Act**

7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT  
**Attachment 3.1-A Limitations, Page 9(e)(i)**

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT  
**Adds clarifying language on Crisis Intervention Services to the State Plan.**


10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT  OTHER, AS

SPECIFIED: COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL



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12. TYPED NAME  
**Dana Flannery**

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13. TITLE  
**Assistant Director**

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14. DATE SUBMITTED: **6/27/22**


15. RETURN TO

**Dana Flannery  
801 E. Jefferson St, MD # 4200  
Phoenix, AZ 85034**

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16. DATE RECEIVED June 27, 2022	17. DATE APPROVED September 23, 2022
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**PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED**

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL April 1, 2022	19. SIG  OVING OFFICIAL Digitally signed by James G. Scott -S Date: 2022.09.23 09:18:27 -05'00'
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL James G. Scott	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Director, Division of Program Operations

22. REMARKS

Pen-and-ink changes made to Boxes 7 and 8 with the approval of the state on 9/20/2022.

**Crisis Intervention Services:** Community-based mobile crisis intervention services are items and services, that are--

- 1) furnished to an individual otherwise eligible for medical assistance under the State plan who is—
  - a) outside of a hospital or other facility setting; and
  - b) experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder crisis;
  
- 2) furnished by a multidisciplinary mobile crisis team—
  - a) that includes:
    - i. At least one Behavioral Health Professional (BHP) (see “Staff/Provider Qualifications” section) who is capable of conducting an assessment of the individual, in accordance with the professional’s permitted scope of practice under State law and may also include a BHT or BHPP; and/or\*
    - ii. A Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) or a BHT and Behavioral Health Paraprofessional (BHPP) (see “Staff/Provider Qualifications” section) with expertise in behavioral health or mental health crisis response and acting within their scope of practice. If a BHT is providing the mobile crisis intervention service, a BHP shall be directly available for consultation 24/7/365.
  - b) whose members are trained in trauma-informed care, de-escalation strategies, and harm reduction;
  - c) that is able to respond in a timely manner and, where appropriate, provide—
    - i. screening and assessment;
    - ii. stabilization and de-escalation; and
    - iii. coordination with, and referrals to, health, social, and other services and supports as needed, and health services as needed;
  - d) that maintains relationships with relevant community partners, including medical and behavioral health providers, primary care providers, community health centers, crisis respite centers, and managed care organizations (if applicable); and
  - e) that maintains the privacy and confidentiality of patient information consistent with Federal and State requirements; and
  
- 3) available 24 hours per day, every day of the year.

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\* AZ will claim increased FMAP only for two-person mobile crisis teams that meet requirements as described in section 1947(b)(2)(A).