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Look for the Agency Notice

Review (inspect) notices published in the *Arizona Administrative Register*. Many agencies maintain stakeholder lists and would be glad to inform you when they proposed changes to rules. Check an agency’s website and its newsletters for news about notices and meetings.

Feel like a change should be made to a rule and an agency has not proposed changes? You can petition an agency to make, amend, or repeal a rule. The agency must respond to the petition. (See A.R.S. § 41-1033)

Attend a public hearing/meeting

Attend a public meeting that is being conducted by the agency on a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. Public meetings may be listed in the Preamble of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking or they may be published separately in the *Register*. Be prepared to speak, attend the meeting, and make an oral comment.

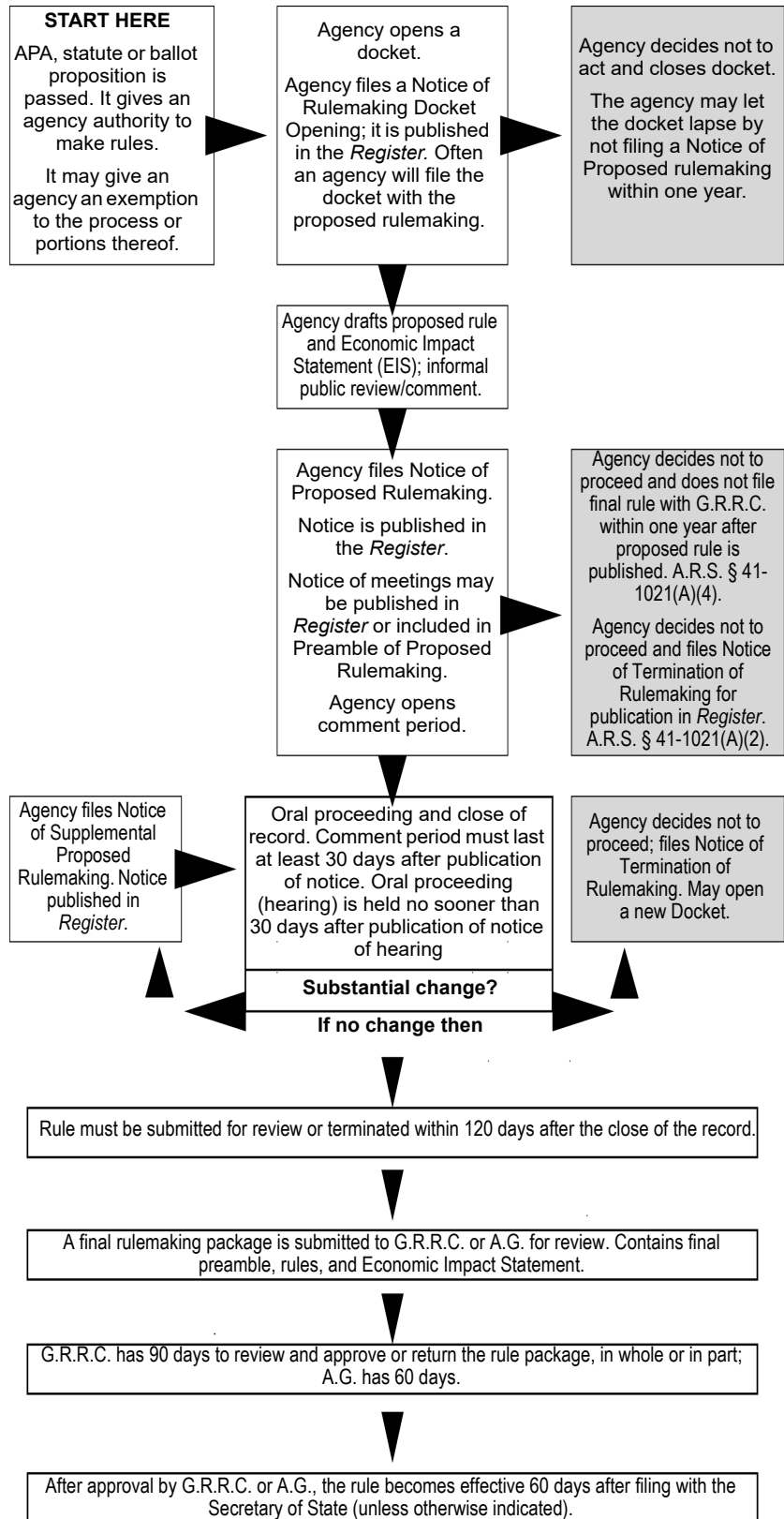
An agency may not have a public meeting scheduled on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. If not, you may request that the agency schedule a proceeding. This request must be put in writing within 30 days after the published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

Write the agency

Put your comments in writing to the agency. In order for the agency to consider your comments, the agency must receive them by the close of record. The comment must be received within the 30-day comment timeframe following the *Register* publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

You can also submit to the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council written comments that are relevant to the Council’s power to review a given rule (A.R.S. § 41-1052). The Council reviews the rule at the end of the rulemaking process and before the rules are filed with the Secretary of State.

Arizona Regular Rulemaking Process



Final rule is published in the *Register* and the quarterly *Code Supplement*.

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Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.): Official rules codified and published by the Secretary of State’s Office. Available online at www.azsos.gov.

Arizona Administrative Register (A.A.R.): The official publication that includes filed documents pertaining to Arizona rulemaking. Available online at www.azsos.gov.

Administrative Procedure Act (APA): A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 6, Articles 1 through 10. Available online at www.azleg.gov.

Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.): The statutes are made by the Arizona State Legislature during a legislative session. They are compiled by Legislative Council, with the official publication codified by Thomson West. Citations to statutes include Titles which represent broad subject areas. The Title number is followed by the Section number. For example, A.R.S. § 41-1001 is the definitions Section of Title 41 of the Arizona Administrative Procedures Act. The “§” symbol simply means “section.” Available online at www.azleg.gov.

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Economic, Small Business, and Consumer Impact Statement (EIS): The EIS identifies the impact of the rule on private and public employment, on small businesses, and on consumers. It includes an analysis of the probable costs and benefits of the rule. An agency includes a brief summary of the EIS in its preamble. The EIS is not published in the *Register* but is available from the agency promulgating the rule. The EIS is also filed with the rulemaking package.

Governor’s Regulatory Review (G.R.R.C.): Reviews and approves rules to ensure that they are necessary and to avoid unnecessary duplication and adverse impact on the public. G.R.R.C. also assesses whether the rules are clear, concise, understandable, legal, consistent with legislative intent, and whether the benefits of a rule outweigh the cost.

Incorporated by Reference: An agency may incorporate by reference standards or other publications. These standards are available from the state agency with references on where to order the standard or review it online.

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Session Laws or “Laws”: When an agency references a law that has not yet been codified into the Arizona Revised Statutes, use the word “Laws” is followed by the year the law was passed by the Legislature, followed by the Chapter number using the abbreviation “Ch.,” and the specific Section number using the Section symbol (§). For example, Laws 1995, Ch. 6, § 2. Session laws are available at www.azleg.gov.

United States Code (U.S.C.): The Code is a consolidation and codification by subject matter of the general and permanent laws of the United States. The Code does not include regulations issued by executive branch agencies, decisions of the federal courts, treaties, or laws enacted by state or local governments.

Acronyms

A.A.C. – *Arizona Administrative Code*

A.A.R. – *Arizona Administrative Register*

APA – *Administrative Procedure Act*

A.R.S. – *Arizona Revised Statutes*

CFR – *Code of Federal Regulations*

EIS – *Economic, Small Business, and Consumer Impact Statement*

FR – *Federal Register*

G.R.R.C. – *Governor’s Regulatory Review Council*

U.S.C. – *United States Code*

About Preambles

The Preamble is the part of a rulemaking package that contains information about the rulemaking and provides agency justification and regulatory intent.

It includes reference to the specific statutes authorizing the agency to make the rule, an explanation of the rule, reasons for proposing the rule, and the preliminary Economic Impact Statement.

The information in the Preamble differs between rulemaking notices used and the stage of the rulemaking.

NOTICES OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

This section of the *Arizona Administrative Register* contains Notices of Proposed Rulemaking.

A proposed rulemaking is filed by an agency upon completion and submittal of a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening. Often these two documents are filed at the same time and published in the same *Register* issue.

When an agency files a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), the notice is published in the *Register* within three weeks of filing. See the publication schedule in the back of each issue of the *Register* for more information.

Under the APA, an agency must allow at least 30 days to elapse after the publication of the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in the *Register* before beginning any proceedings for making, amending, or repealing any rule (A.R.S. §§ 41-1013 and 41-1022).

The Office of the Secretary of State is the filing office and publisher of these rules. Questions about the interpretation of the proposed rules should be addressed to the agency that promulgated the rules. Refer to item #4 below to contact the person charged with the rulemaking and item #10 for the close of record and information related to public hearings and oral comments.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

TITLE 17. TRANSPORTATION

**CHAPTER 4. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TITLE, REGISTRATION, AND DRIVER LICENSES**

[R25-182]

PREAMBLE

1. Permission to proceed with this proposed rulemaking was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the Governor on:
April 28, 2025

<u>2. Articles and Sections Affected</u> R17-4-351	<u>Rulemaking Action</u> Amend
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3. Citations to the agency’s statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):
Authorizing statutes: A.R.S. §§ 28-366 and 28-7045
Implementing statutes: A.R.S. §§ 28-2209

4. Citations to all related notices published in the Register that pertain to the current record of the proposed rules:
Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 31 A.A.R. 1974; Issue Date: June 20, 2025; Issue Number: 25; File Number: R25-125

5. The agency’s contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:

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6. An agency’s justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) engages in this rulemaking to implement Laws 2024, Ch. 208, § 6, which now allows the Department to offer customized commercial fleet name or logo plates for use on qualifying commercial fleet vehicles. This rulemaking will amend existing rule R17-4-351 to establish the new fees that must be paid to the Department by an owner or operator of a commercial vehicle fleet seeking to display a unique company name or logo on qualifying commercial fleet vehicle license plates, in lieu of using standard fleet license plates. As authorized under A.R.S. § 28-2209, the Department intends to establish a \$5000 fee for the initial design, production, and implementation of each uniquely designed commercial fleet name or logo plate. The Department also intends to establish a new substitution fee of \$5 to be charged to an owner or operator of a commercial vehicle fleet seeking to exchange a vehicle’s currently issued license plate with a new commercial fleet name or logo plate.

7. A reference to any study relevant to the rules that the agency reviewed and proposes either to rely on or not to rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rules, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:
The agency did not review or rely on any study for this rulemaking.

8. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

9. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

This rulemaking amends one rule under Arizona Administrative Code Title 17, Chapter 4, Article 3, relative to vehicle registration requirements applicable to owners or operators of commercial vehicle fleets who seek to display a unique company name or logo on qualifying commercial fleet vehicle license plates, in lieu of using standard fleet license plates.

Laws 2024, Ch. 208, § 6, permits ADOT to charge the owner or operator of a commercial vehicle fleet with more than 25 commercial vehicles a fee in an amount to be determined by the Department for the initial design and administration of a new commercial vehicle fleet license plate that displays each applicant's unique company name or logo and allows ADOT to establish design guidelines to help streamline the approval process and minimize the costs. On payment to the Department of a \$5000 fee for the initial application, design, and implementation of a commercial vehicle fleet name or logo license plate, the Department will make these plates available for transfer onto any qualifying vehicles in the applicant's commercial vehicle fleet. In addition to this fee and all other existing statutorily prescribed fees generally due to the Department at the time of commercial vehicle fleet registration, if the fleet owner or operator requests to exchange an existing standard fleet license plate for a new custom company name or logo license plate, the fleet owner or operator must also pay to the Department a plate substitution fee of \$5 per vehicle (as authorized under A.R.S. § 28-2209) and any applicable postage fees. In comparison, Texas charges a one-time license plate manufacturing fee of \$8 for each custom company name or logo plate or set of plates. For a newly registered vehicle that doesn't already have an assigned license plate, the Department will not charge the \$5 substitution fee and will issue the commercial fleet name or logo plate as applicable. The legislation also establishes a new fund to consist of the monies collected and administered by ADOT for the implementation of these commercial vehicle fleet license plates. Monies deposited into the fund are continuously appropriated and are exempt from lapsing.

The owners or operators of each commercial vehicle fleet will have the choice of selecting a standard fleet license plate, or after payment to the Department of the required \$5000 and completion of the initial design and administration process, a new custom license plate that will be manufactured with each unique company name or logo, as applicable.

The economic impact of this rulemaking is not readily quantifiable, but is anticipated to be de minimis. The Department believes that this rulemaking fulfills an objective related to economic development or economic expansion in this state by allowing the Department to offer the Arizona business community a new option for promoting and gaining additional name or logo recognition.

The Department anticipates that each fleet name or logo plate design will cost the Department at least \$5000 to implement. The costs include labor for about ten different ADOT employees to: coordinate and implement each unique fleet name or logo plate requested; facilitate all anticipated coordination between the Department and each stakeholder for design work and review; design and develop appropriate prototypes; perform all necessary reviews and approvals; complete readability reviews with various law enforcement agencies; and program the Department's systems to include the new plates. The Department anticipates that each unique fleet name or logo plate design will require about 80 hours of total work, at an average total cost per hour of \$63 (all-in cost for salaries, benefits, etc.). The Department intends to implement this legislation using existing employee resources. No new full-time equivalent (FTE) positions will be required.

The plates will be made available in one of two different plate styles depending on the size of the fleet. The owner or operator of a participating fleet with more than 25 commercial vehicles may apply for plates that display the name of the fleet across the bottom. However, the owner or operator of a participating fleet with more than 100 commercial vehicles may instead choose to use plates that display the fleet's approved logo in a standard location on each plate.

Possible stakeholders for these rules may include all owners or operators of commercial vehicle fleets that choose to apply for commercial vehicle fleet name or logo plates, the Arizona Trucking Association, the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, U-Haul, and the Arizona Department of Public Safety.

The Arizona Trucking Association has communicated to the Department an urgency to make these plates available to the public as soon as possible. This rulemaking will inform the public of the availability of commercial vehicle fleet license plates, where a resident or nonresident engaged in operating one or more fleets of commercial vehicles in this state and another jurisdiction may register and license each fleet for operation in this state.

The Department anticipates that this rulemaking will not increase any existing costs or burdens on stakeholders subject to the rules except for the initial investment of \$5000 per company name or logo. The \$5 per vehicle plate substitution fee would only be due to the Department if the owners or operators of qualifying fleet vehicles voluntarily choose to exchange their existing standard fleet license plates with the new custom fleet name or logo license plates. However, the owners and operators of these commercial vehicle fleets may experience moderate benefits from the additional advertising exposure and recognition that company name and logo plates can provide.

10. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the economic, small business and consumer impact statement:

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11. The time, place, and nature of the proceedings to make, amend, repeal, or renumber the rules, or if no proceeding is scheduled, where, when, and how persons may request an oral proceeding on the proposed rules:

Written comments on the proposed rulemaking should be directed to the person listed under item #5. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on close of public record. The Department has scheduled the following oral proceeding for public comments:

Date: September 24, 2025
 Time: 1:00 p.m.
 Google Meet: Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/oeu-kexj-zku>
 Or dial: (US) +1 513-486-2334 PIN: 447 218 859#
 Nature: Oral Proceeding/Public Hearing
 Close of public record: September 24, 2025

This meeting will be held virtually. Virtual access will be provided through Google Meet. Persons may access this meeting via the phone number or web address provided above. It is not necessary to have a Google Meet account to participate in this meeting when joining from a web browser on a computer or laptop. Any changes to the meeting information will be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting on ADOT's website at <https://azdot.gov/about/government-relations>. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact the person listed under item #5.

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12. All agencies shall list other matters prescribed by statute applicable to the specific agency or to any specific rule or class of rules. Additionally, an agency subject to Council review under A.R.S. §§ 41-1052 and 41-1055 shall respond to the following questions:

There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable specifically to ADOT or this specific rulemaking.

a. Whether the rules require a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:

The new commercial fleet name and logo license plates issued by the Department under this rule are considered regulatory licenses that authorize certain commercial fleet vehicles to be operated on Arizona roadways once the Department receives all applicable fleet vehicle registration fees prescribed by statute. These plates are specifically authorized by statute and are considered "general permits" as defined under A.R.S. § 41-1037, since the activities and practices authorized by each type of license plate are the same for all owners and operators of qualifying commercial fleet vehicles throughout the state.

b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rules, whether the rules are more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

There are no federal laws applicable to the subject matter of this rule.

c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule's impact of the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:

No analysis was submitted to the Department.

13. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:

This rulemaking incorporates no materials by reference.

14. The full text of the rules follows:

TITLE 17. TRANSPORTATION

**CHAPTER 4. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
TITLE, REGISTRATION, AND DRIVER LICENSES**

ARTICLE 3. VEHICLE REGISTRATION

Section

R17-4-351. ~~Special License Plate; Definition~~ Commercial Vehicle Fleet Name or Logo License Plate; Fees

ARTICLE 3. VEHICLE REGISTRATION

R17-4-351. ~~Special License Plate; Definition~~ **Commercial Vehicle Fleet Name or Logo License Plate; Fees**

~~For the purposes of R17-4-352, “special license plate” or “special plate” has the meaning prescribed in A.R.S. § 28-2401.~~

- A.** A commercial vehicle fleet owner or operator who seeks to display a commercial vehicle fleet name or logo on certain fleet vehicles as provided under A.R.S. § 28-2209, may apply to the Department for the initial design and administration of a commercial vehicle fleet name or logo license plate. The Department shall charge and collect a one-time fee of \$5000 for the initial design and administration of the commercial vehicle fleet name or logo license plate in addition to all other applicable vehicle registration fees prescribed by statute and this Chapter.
- B.** A commercial vehicle fleet owner or operator who seeks to exchange a currently registered standard fleet vehicle license plate with a commercial fleet name or logo license plate shall pay to the Department a plate substitution fee of \$5 per exchanged plate.
- C.** The Department shall charge and collect from a commercial vehicle fleet owner or operator the current applicable postage rate of the U.S. Postal Service, as provided under A.R.S. § 28-2151 and A.A.C. R17-1-204, for each commercial vehicle fleet name or logo license plate mailed to the fleet owner or operator.

NOTICES OF PROPOSED EXEMPT RULEMAKING

This section of the *Arizona Administrative Register* contains Notices of Proposed Exempt Rulemaking.

It is common for an agency to be exempt from some of the steps outlined in the rulemaking process as specified in Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 41, Chapter 6, Articles 1 through 10 otherwise known as the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act (APA).

An agency's exemptions are written in laws - under the APA, or by the Arizona State Legislature in statute, or under a referendum or initiative passed into law by Arizona voters.

The Office makes a distinction publishing certain exemptions as provided in these laws, on a case-by-case basis, as determined by an agency's exemption. Other rule exemption types are published elsewhere in the *Register*.

Notices of Proposed Exempt Rulemaking as published have been proposed with specific conditions, such as requiring the notice to be published in the *Register*, or requiring public input or a public hearing on the rule.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED EXEMPT RULEMAKING

TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES

CHAPTER 22. ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS) ADMINISTRATION

[R25-183]

PREAMBLE

1. Permission to proceed with this final rulemaking was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:

May 16, 2025

2. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)

R9-22-730

Rulemaking Action

Amend

3. Citations to the agency's statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):

Authorizing statute: A.R.S. § 36-2901.08

Implementing statute: A.R.S. § 36-2901.08

Statute or session law authorizing the exemption: A.R.S. § 41-1005(A)(31)

4. Citations to all related notices published in the *Register* as specified in R1-1-409(A) that pertain to the current record of the proposed exempt rule:

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 31 A.A.R. 2676, August 15, 2025 (*in this issue*); File Number: R25-185

5. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:

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6. An agency's justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

Rulemaking for the Hospital Assessment was initially approved under Executive Order 2012-03, and this regulation was subsequently revised in April 2015 and each year thereafter. This rulemaking will continue the practice of modifying the regulation by adjusting the per-discharge assessments and net patient outpatient revenue contributions from various hospital types, effective with invoices issued on October 15, 2025. Under A.R.S. § 36-2901.08, the Administration is responsible for administering and collecting hospital assessments to fund the non-federal share of costs for eligible individuals enrolled under A.R.S. § 36-2901.01 (Proposition 204 population) and A.R.S. § 36-2901.07 (adults with incomes between 106% and 138% of the Federal Poverty Level).

The proposed rulemaking aligns with federal regulation 42 C.F.R. 433.68, which includes a hold harmless provision. Under Ari-

zona's current agreement with the federal government (the State Plan), the state is required to maintain this coverage unless the plan is amended. The Hospital Assessment serves as a funding mechanism for individuals covered under Proposition 204, including those in federally mandated groups such as the elderly, blind, disabled, and certain parents. Without approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Arizona would not receive federal funding to support healthcare coverage for these populations. Failure to secure funding could lead to a significant loss of health coverage for Arizona residents or require hospitals to contribute more than necessary to the assessment.

7. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and proposes either to rely on or not to rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

Administration did not review or rely on any study for this rulemaking.

8. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

9. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

The AHCCCS program is jointly funded by the state and the federal government through the Medicaid program. Depending on the eligibility category of the individual, the federal government provides between two-thirds and 100% of the cost of care for persons described in A.R.S. § 36.2901.08(A). The Administration will use the amounts collected from the assessment combined with the federal financial participation to fund the cost of health care coverage for nearly 700,000 persons described in A.R.S. § 36.2901.08(A) through direct payments to health care providers and capitation payments to managed care organizations that, in turn, make payments to health care providers that render care to AHCCCS members. Many of these providers are small businesses located in Arizona. A.R.S. § 36-2901.08 prohibits the assessed hospitals from passing the cost of the assessment on to patients or third parties who pay for care in the hospital.

10. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the economic, small business and consumer impact statement:

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11. The time, place, and nature of the proceedings to make, amend, repeal, or renumber the rule, or if no proceeding is scheduled, where, when, and how persons may request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule:

Per A.R.S. § 41-1013(4), this notice is being published in the *Register* for public review.

A person shall send comments to the person listed under item #5.

A public hearing is scheduled on this proposed exempt rulemaking.

Date: September 15, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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There are no other matters prescribed by statute applicable specifically to the Administration or this specific rulemaking.

a. Whether the rule requires a permit, whether a general permit is used and if not, the reasons why a general permit is not used:

The rule does not require the issuance of a regulatory permit. Therefore, a general permit is not applicable.

b. Whether a federal law is applicable to the subject of the rule, whether the rule is more stringent than federal law and if so, citation to the statutory authority to exceed the requirements of federal law:

The rules are not more stringent than federal law.

c. Whether a person submitted an analysis to the agency that compares the rule’s impact of the competitiveness of business in this state to the impact on business in other states:

Not applicable

13. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:

Not applicable

14. The full text of the rules follows:

TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES

CHAPTER 22. ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS) ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE 7. STANDARDS FOR PAYMENTS

Section
R9-22-730. Health Assessment Fund - Hospital Assessment

ARTICLE 7. STANDARDS FOR PAYMENTS

R9-22-730. Hospital Assessment Fund - Hospital Assessment

A. For purposes of this Section, the following terms are defined as provided below unless the context specifically requires another meaning:

1. “~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report” means: The Medicare Cost Report for the hospital fiscal year ending in calendar year ~~2022~~2023 as reported in the CMS Healthcare Provider Cost Reporting Information System (HCRIS) release dated ~~October 7, 2023~~January 5, 2025.
2. “~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report” means the Uniform Accounting Report submitted to the Arizona Department of Health Services as of ~~January 8~~December 15, 2024 for the hospital’s fiscal year ending in calendar year ~~2022~~2023.
3. “Quarter” means the three month period beginning January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 of each year.
4. A “new hospital” means a licensed hospital that did not hold a license from the Arizona Department of Health Services prior to ~~January 2, 2024~~January 1, 2025.
5. “Outpatient Net Patient Revenues” means an amount, calculated using data in the hospital’s ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report or other data sources specified by subsection (N), that is equal to the hospital’s ~~2022~~2023 total net patient revenue multiplied by the ratio of the hospital’s ~~2022~~2023 gross outpatient revenue to the hospital’s ~~2022~~2023 total gross patient revenue.

B. Beginning January 1, 2014, for each Arizona licensed hospital not excluded under subsection ~~(H)~~(L) shall be subject to an assessment payable on a quarterly basis. The assessment shall be levied against the legal owner of each hospital as of the first day of the quarter, and except as otherwise required by subsections (D), (E), ~~and (F), (G), (H) and (I)~~. For the period beginning ~~October 1, 2024~~October 1, 2025, the assessment for each hospital shall be amount equal to the sum of: (1) the number of discharges reported on the hospital’s ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report, excluding discharges reported on the Medicare Cost Report as “Other Long Term Care Discharges,” multiplied by the following rates appropriate to the hospital’s peer group; and (2) the amount of outpatient net patient revenues multiplied by the following rate appropriate to the hospital’s peer group:

1. ~~\$993.50~~\$628.25 per discharge and ~~1.4871%~~1.0634% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals located in a county with a population less than 500,000 that are designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term.
2. ~~\$993.50~~\$628.25 per discharge and ~~0.6196%~~0.4431% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: critical access hospital.
3. ~~\$248.50~~\$157.25 per discharge and ~~0.6196%~~0.4431% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: long term.
4. ~~\$248.50~~\$157.25 per discharge and ~~0.6196%~~0.4431% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: psychiatric, that reported 2,500 or more discharges on the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report.
5. ~~\$794.75~~\$502.75 per discharge and ~~1.6110%~~1.1520% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term with 20% of total licensed beds licensed as pediatric, pediatric intensive care and neonatal intensive care as reported in the hospital’s ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report.
6. ~~\$894.00~~\$565.50 per discharge and ~~1.8588%~~1.3292% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term with at least 10% but less than 20% of total licensed beds licensed as pediatric, pediatric intensive care and neonatal intensive care as reported in the hospital’s ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report.
7. ~~\$198.75~~\$125.75 per discharge and ~~0.4957%~~0.3545% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: children’s.

8. ~~\$993.50~~\$628.25 per discharge and ~~2.4785%~~1.7723% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term not included in another peer group.
- C.** Peer groups for the four quarters beginning October 1 of each year are established based on hospital license type and subtype designated in the Provider & Facility Database for Arizona Medical Facilities posted by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services on its website ~~January 2, 2024~~January 1, 2025.
- D.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), psychiatric discharges from a hospital that reported having a psychiatric sub-provider in the hospital's ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report, are assessed a rate of ~~\$248.50~~\$157.25 for each discharge from the psychiatric sub-provider as reported in the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report. All discharges other than those reported as discharges from the psychiatric sub-provider are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- E.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), rehabilitative discharges from a hospital that reported having a rehabilitative sub-provider in the hospital's ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report, are assessed a rate of \$0 for each discharge from the rehabilitative sub-provider as reported in the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report. All discharges other than those reported as discharges from the rehabilitative sub-provider are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- F.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), for any hospital that reported more than 22,800 discharges on the hospital's ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report, discharges in excess of 22,800 are assessed a rate of ~~\$99.50~~\$63 for each discharge in excess of 22,800. The initial 22,800 discharges are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- G.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), for any hospital that reported pediatric outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million on the hospital's 2023 Uniform Accounting Report, pediatric outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million are assessed a rate of .0354% for pediatric outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million from a hospital designated as subtype children's. The initial \$375 million of pediatric outpatient net patient revenues are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- H.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), for any short-term hospital with at least 10% but less than 20% of total licensed beds licensed as pediatric, pediatric intensive care and neonatal intensive care as reported in the hospital's 2023 Uniform Accounting Report that reported outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million on the hospital's 2023 Uniform Accounting Report, outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million are assessed a rate of .1329% for outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million from a short-term hospital with at least 10% but less than 20% of total licensed beds licensed as pediatric, pediatric intensive care and neonatal intensive care as reported in the hospital's 2023 Uniform Accounting Report. The initial \$375 million of outpatient net patient revenues are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- I.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), for any short-term hospital not included in another peer group that reported outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million on the hospital's 2023 Uniform Accounting Report, outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million are assessed a rate of .1772% for outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million from a short-term hospital not included in another peer group. The initial \$375 million of outpatient net patient revenues are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- GJ.** Assessment notice. On or before the 15th day of the first month of the quarter or upon CMS approval, whichever is later, the Administration shall send to each hospital a notification that the Hospital Assessment Fund assessment invoice is available to be viewed on a secure website. The invoice shall include the hospital's peer group assignment and the assessment due for the quarter.
- HK.** Assessment due date. The Hospital Assessment Fund assessment must be received by the Administration no later than:
1. The 15th day of the second month of the quarter, or
 2. In the event CMS approves the assessment after the 15th day of the first month of the quarter, 30 days after notification by the Administration that the assessment invoice is available.
- HL.** Excluded hospitals. The following hospitals are excluded from the assessment based on the hospital's ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report and Provider & Facility Database for Arizona Medical Facilities posted by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services on its website for ~~January 2, 2024~~January 1, 2025:
1. Hospitals owned and operated by the state, the United States, or an Indian tribe.
 2. Hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term that have a license number beginning "SH".
 3. Hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: psychiatric that reported fewer than 2,500 discharges on the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report.
 4. Hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: rehabilitation.
 5. Hospitals designated as type: ~~med-hospital-hospital~~, subtype: special hospitals, not including subtype: children's.
 6. Hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term located in a city with a population greater than one million, which on average have at least 15 percent of inpatient days for patients who reside outside of Arizona, and at least 50 percent of discharges as reported on the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report are reimbursed by Medicare.
 7. Hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term that have at least 25 percent Medicare swing beds as percentage of total Medicare days, per the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report.
 8. Hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term that are an urban public acute care hospital.
- JM.** New hospitals. For hospitals that did not file a ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report because of the date the hospital began operations:
1. If the hospital was open on the January 2 preceding the October assessment start date, the hospital assessment will begin on October 1 following the date the hospital began operating.
 2. If the hospital began operating between January 3 and September 30, the assessment will begin on October 1 of the following calendar year.
 3. A hospital is not considered a new hospital based on a change in ownership.
 4. The assessment will be based on the discharges reported in the hospital's first Medicare Cost Report and Uniform Accounting Report, which includes 12 months-worth of data, except when any of the following apply;
 - a. If there is not a complete 12 months-worth of data available, the assessment will be based on the annualized number of discharges from the date hospital operations began through December 31 preceding the October assessment start date. The hospital shall self-report the discharge data and all other data requested by the Administration necessary to determine the

- appropriate assessment to the Administration no later than January preceding the assessment start date for the new hospitals. “Annualized” means divided by a ratio equal to the number of months of data divided by 12 months.
- b. If more than 12 months of data is available, the assessment will be based on the most recent 12 months of self-reported data, as of December 31;
5. For purposes of calculating subpart 4, if a new hospital shares a Medicare Identification Number with an existing hospital, the assessment amount will be based on self-reported data from the new hospital instead of the Medicare Cost Report. The data shall include the number of discharges and all other data requested by the Administration necessary to determine the appropriate assessment.
 6. For hospitals providing self-reported data, described in subpart 4 and 5:
 - a. Psychiatric discharges will be annualized to determine if subsections (B)(4) or ~~(H)(3)~~(L)(3) apply to the assessment amount.
 - b. Discharges will be annualized to determine if subsection (F) applies to the assessment amount.
- ~~K.N.~~ **Changes of ownership.** The parties to a change of ownership shall promptly provide written notice to the Administration of a change of ownership and any agreement regarding the payment of the assessment. The assessed amount will continue at the same amount applied to the prior owner. Assessments are the responsibility of the owner of record as of the first day of the quarter; however, this Section is not intended to prohibit the parties to a change of ownership from entering into an agreement for a new owner to assume the assessment responsibility of the owner of record as of the first day of the prior quarter.
- ~~L.O.~~ **Hospital closures.** Hospitals that close shall pay a proportion of the quarterly assessment equal to that portion of the quarter during which the hospital operated.
- ~~M.P.~~ **Required information for the inpatient assessment.** For any hospital that has not filed a ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report, or if the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report does not include the reliable information sufficient for the Administration to calculate the inpatient assessment, the Administration shall use data reported on the ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report filed by the hospital in place of the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report to calculate the assessment. If the ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report filed by the hospital does not include reliable information sufficient for the Administration to calculate the inpatient assessment amounts, the hospital shall provide the Administration with data specified by the Administration necessary in place of the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report to calculate the assessment.
- ~~N.Q.~~ **Required information for the outpatient assessment.** For any hospital that has not filed a ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report, if the ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report does not include reliable information sufficient for the Administration to calculate the outpatient assessment amounts, or if the ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report does not reconcile to ~~2022~~2023 Audited Financial Statements, the Administration shall use the data reported on ~~2022~~2023 Audited Financial Statements to calculate the outpatient assessment. If the ~~2022~~2023 Audited Financial Statements do not include the reliable information sufficient for the Administration to calculate the outpatient assessment, the Administration shall use data reported on the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report. If the Medicare Cost report does not include reliable information sufficient for the Administration to calculate the outpatient assessment amounts, the hospital shall provide the Administration with data specified by the Administration necessary in place of the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report to calculate the outpatient assessment.
- ~~O.R.~~ **The Administration will review and update as necessary rates and peer groups periodically to ensure the assessment is sufficient to fund the state match obligation to cover the cost of the populations as specified in A.R.S. § 36-2901.08.**
- ~~P.S.~~ **Enforcement.** If a hospital does not comply with this Section, the director may suspend or revoke the hospital’s provider agreement. If the hospital does not comply within 180 days after the hospital’s provider agreement is suspended or revoked, the director shall notify the director of the Department of Health Services who shall suspend or revoke the hospital’s license.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED EXEMPT RULEMAKING

TITLE 9. HEALTH SERVICES

**CHAPTER 22. ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS)
ADMINISTRATION**

[R25-184]

PREAMBLE

- 1. Permission to proceed with this final rulemaking was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:**
May 16, 2025
- 2. Article, Part, or Section Affected (as applicable)** **Rulemaking Action**
R9-22-731 Amend
- 3. Citations to the agency’s statutory rulemaking authority to include the authorizing statute (general) and the implementing statute (specific):**
Authorizing statute: A.R.S. § 36-2999.72
Implementing statute: A.R.S. § 36-2999.72
Statute or session law authorizing the exemption: A.R.S. § 41-1005(A)(31)
- 4. Citations to all related notices published in the Register as specified in R1-1-409(A) that pertain to the current record of the proposed exempt rule:**
Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 31 A.A.R. 2677, August 15, 2025 (*in this issue*); File Number: R25-186

5. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the rulemaking:

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6. An agency's justification and reason why a rule should be made, amended, repealed or renumbered, to include an explanation about the rulemaking:

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2999.72, AHCCCS is required to adopt rules that establish, administer and collect an assessment on hospital revenues. Through this rulemaking, the Administration proposes amendments to R9-22-731, including a request to modify the regulation to adjust per discharge assessments and net patient outpatient revenue contributions from various hospital types. These changes would take effect with invoices issued for the time period beginning October 1, 2025. The adjustments will incorporate data from newly established hospitals and consider feedback received from existing hospitals.

Without the revisions to the current rule, the Health Care Investment Fund (HCIF) may face underfunding, potentially limiting the State's ability to fully support HEALTHII directed payments and/or practitioner rate increases. Additionally, newly established hospitals would not be assessed and, consequently, would not qualify for HEALTHII directed payments.

7. A reference to any study relevant to the rule that the agency reviewed and proposes either to rely on or not to rely on in its evaluation of or justification for the rule, where the public may obtain or review each study, all data underlying each study, and any analysis of each study and other supporting material:

Administration did not review or rely on any study for this rulemaking.

8. A showing of good cause why the rulemaking is necessary to promote a statewide interest if the rulemaking will diminish a previous grant of authority of a political subdivision of this state:

Not applicable

9. The preliminary summary of the economic, small business, and consumer impact:

The AHCCCS The Health Care Investment Fund hospital assessment established in A.R.S. § 36-2999.72 is matched by federal funds. The majority of the assessment funds and accompanying federal funds will be used to provide an increase for base reimbursement for services reimbursed under the dental fee schedule and physician fee schedule and for quarterly directed payments to Arizona hospitals. Many of the providers of that medical care are considered small businesses located in Arizona. A.R.S. §36-2999.72 prohibits the assessed hospitals from passing the cost of the assessment on to patients or third parties who pay for care in the hospital.

10. The agency's contact person who can answer questions about the economic, small business and consumer impact statement:

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11. The time, place, and nature of the proceedings to make, amend, repeal, or renumber the rule, or if no proceeding is scheduled, where, when, and how persons may request an oral proceeding on the proposed rule:

Per A.R.S. § 41-1013(4), this notice is being published in the *Register* for public review.

A person shall send comments to the person listed under item #5.

A public hearing is scheduled on this proposed exempt rulemaking.

Date: September 15, 2025

Time: 2:00 p.m.
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Not applicable

13. A list of any incorporated by reference material as specified in A.R.S. § 41-1028 and its location in the rules:

Not applicable

14. The full text of the rules follows:

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 R9-22-731. Health Care Investment Fund - Hospital Assessment

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R9-22-731. Health Care Investment Fund - Hospital Assessment

- A. For purposes of this Section, terms are the same as defined in A.A.C. R9-22-730 unless the context specifically requires another meaning.
- B. Beginning ~~October 1, 2024~~ October 1, 2025, for each Arizona licensed hospital not excluded under subsection ~~(H)~~ (L) shall be subject to an assessment payable on a quarterly basis. The assessment shall be levied against the legal owner of each hospital as of the first day of the quarter, and except as otherwise required by subsections (D), (E), ~~and (F)~~, (G), (H) and (I). For the period beginning October 1, ~~2024~~ 2025, the assessment for each hospital shall be amount equal to the sum of: (1) the number of discharges reported on the hospital’s ~~2022~~ 2023 Medicare Cost Report, excluding discharges reported on the Medicare Cost Report as “Other Long Term Care Discharges,” multiplied by the following rates appropriate to the hospital’s peer group; and (2) the amount of outpatient net patient revenues multiplied by the following rate appropriate to the hospital’s peer group:
 1. ~~\$510.25~~ \$1,110.50 per discharge and ~~4.1707%~~ 5.0464% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals located in a county with a population less than 500,000 that are designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term.
 2. ~~\$510.25~~ \$1,110.50 per discharge and ~~4.7378%~~ 2.1026% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: critical access hospital.
 3. ~~\$127.75~~ \$277.75 per discharge and ~~4.7378%~~ 2.1026% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: long term.
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 5. ~~\$408.25~~ \$888.25 per discharge and ~~4.5182%~~ 5.4669% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term with 20% of total licensed beds licensed as pediatric, pediatric intensive care and neonatal intensive care as reported in the hospital’s 2022 Uniform Accounting Report.

6. ~~\$459.25~~\$999.25 per discharge and ~~5.2133%~~6.3079% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term with at least 10% but less than 20% of total licensed beds licensed as pediatric, pediatric intensive care and neonatal intensive care as reported in the hospital's ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report.
 7. ~~\$102.25~~\$222.25 per discharge and ~~1.3902%~~1.6821% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: children's.
 8. ~~\$510.25~~\$1,110.50 per discharge and ~~6.9511%~~8.4106% of outpatient net patient revenues for hospitals designated as type: hospital, subtype: short-term not included in another peer group.
- C.** Peer groups for the four quarters beginning October 1 of each year are established based on hospital license type and subtype designated in the Provider & Facility Database for Arizona Medical Facilities posted by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services on its website ~~January 2, 2024~~January 1, 2025.
- D.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), psychiatric discharges from a hospital that reported having a psychiatric sub-provider in the hospital's ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report, are assessed a rate of ~~\$127.75~~\$277.75 for each discharge from the psychiatric sub-provider as reported in the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report. All discharges other than those reported as discharges from the psychiatric sub-provider are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- E.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), rehabilitative discharges from a hospital that reported having a rehabilitative sub-provider in the hospital's ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report, are assessed a rate of \$0 for each discharge from the rehabilitative sub-provider as reported in the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report. All discharges other than those reported as discharges from the rehabilitative sub-provider are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- F.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), for any hospital that reported more than 22,800 discharges on the hospital's ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report, discharges in excess of 22,800 are assessed a rate of ~~\$51.25~~\$111.25 for each discharge in excess of 22,800. The initial 22,800 discharges are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- G.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), for any hospital that reported pediatric outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million on the hospital's 2023 Uniform Accounting Report, pediatric outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million are assessed a rate of .1682% for pediatric outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million from a hospital designated as subtype children's. The initial \$375 million of pediatric outpatient net patient revenues are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- H.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), for any short-term hospital with at least 10% but less than 20% of total licensed beds licensed as pediatric, pediatric intensive care and neonatal intensive care as reported in the hospital's 2023 Uniform Accounting Report that reported outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million on the hospital's 2023 Uniform Accounting Report, outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million are assessed a rate of .6308% for outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million from a short-term hospital with at least 10% but less than 20% of total licensed beds licensed as pediatric, pediatric intensive care and neonatal intensive care as reported in the hospital's 2023 Uniform Accounting Report. The initial \$375 million of outpatient net patient revenues are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- I.** Notwithstanding subsection (B), for any short-term hospital not included in another peer group that reported outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million on the hospital's 2023 Uniform Accounting Report, outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million are assessed a rate of .8411% for outpatient net patient revenues greater than \$375 million from a short-term hospital not included in another peer group. The initial \$375 million of outpatient net patient revenues are assessed at the rate required by subsection (B).
- G.I.** Assessment notice. On or before the 10th day of the first month of the quarter or upon CMS approval, whichever is later, the Administration shall send to each hospital a notification that the assessment invoice is available to be viewed on a secure website. The invoice shall include the hospital's peer group assignment and the assessment due for the quarter.
- H.K.** Assessment due date. The assessment must be received by the Administration no later than the 10th day of the second month of the quarter.
- H.L.** Excluded hospitals. The following hospitals are excluded from the assessment based on the hospital's ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost Report and Provider & Facility Database for Arizona Medical Facilities posted by the Arizona Department of Health Services Division of Licensing Services on its website for ~~January 2, 2024~~January 1, 2025:
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 5. Hospitals designated as type: ~~med-hospital~~hospital, subtype: special hospitals, not including subtype: children's.
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 4. The assessment will be based on the discharges reported in the hospital's first Medicare Cost Report and Uniform Accounting Report, which includes 12 months-worth of data, except when any of the following apply;

- a. If there is not a complete 12 months-worth of data available, the assessment will be based on the annualized number of discharges from the date hospital operations began through December 31 preceding the October assessment start date. The hospital shall self-report the discharge data and all other data requested by the Administration necessary to determine the appropriate assessment to the Administration no later than January preceding the assessment start date for the new hospitals. "Annualized" means divided by a ratio equal to the number of months of data divided by 12 months.
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 - a. Psychiatric discharges will be annualized to determine if subsections (B)(4) or ~~(H)(3)~~(L)(3) apply to the assessment amount.
 - b. Discharges will be annualized to determine if subsection (F) applies to the assessment amount.
- ~~KN~~**. Changes of ownership. The parties to a change of ownership shall promptly provide written notice to the Administration of a change of ownership and any agreement regarding the payment of the assessment. The assessed amount will continue at the same amount applied to the prior owner. Assessments are the responsibility of the owner of record as of the first day of the quarter; however, this Section is not intended to prohibit the parties to a change of ownership from entering into an agreement for a new owner to assume the assessment responsibility of the owner of record as of the first day of the prior quarter.
- ~~LO~~**. Hospital closures. Hospitals that close shall pay a proportion of the quarterly assessment equal to that portion of the quarter during which the hospital operated.
- ~~MP~~**. Required information for the inpatient assessment. For any hospital that has not filed a ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report, or if the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report does not include the reliable information sufficient for the Administration to calculate the inpatient assessment, the Administration shall use data reported on the ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report filed by the hospital in place of the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report to calculate the assessment. If the ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report filed by the hospital does not include reliable information sufficient for the Administration to calculate the inpatient assessment amounts, the hospital shall provide the Administration with data specified by the Administration necessary in place of the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report to calculate the assessment.
- ~~NO~~**. Required information for the outpatient assessment. For any hospital that has not filed a ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report, if the ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report does not include reliable information sufficient for the Administration to calculate the outpatient assessment amounts, or if the ~~2022~~2023 Uniform Accounting Report does not reconcile to ~~2022~~2023 Audited Financial Statements, the Administration shall use the data reported on ~~2022~~2023 Audited Financial Statements to calculate the outpatient assessment. If the ~~2022~~2023 Audited Financial Statements do not include the reliable information sufficient for the Administration to calculate the outpatient assessment, the Administration shall use data reported on the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report. If the Medicare Cost report does not include reliable information sufficient for the Administration to calculate the outpatient assessment amounts, the hospital shall provide the Administration with data specified by the Administration necessary in place of the ~~2022~~2023 Medicare Cost report to calculate the outpatient assessment.
- ~~OR~~**. Enforcement. If a hospital does not comply with this Section, the director may suspend or revoke the hospital's provider agreement. If the hospital does not comply within 180 days after the hospital's provider agreement is suspended or revoked, the director shall notify the director of the Department of Health Services who shall suspend or revoke the hospital's license.

NOTICES OF RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

This section of the *Arizona Administrative Register* contains Notices of Rulemaking Docket Opening under A.R.S. § 41-1021.

A docket opening is the first part of the administrative rulemaking process. It is an “announcement” that an agency intends to work on its rules.

When an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking, the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires publication of the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening in the Register.

Under the APA, effective January 1, 1995, agencies must submit a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening before beginning the formal rulemaking process. An agency may file the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening along with the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

The Office of the Secretary of State is the filing office and publisher of these notices. Questions about the interpretation of this information should be directed to the agency contact person listed in item #4 of this notice.

NOTICE OF EXEMPT RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING

ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS) ADMINISTRATION

[R25-185]

- 1. Permission to proceed with this docket was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:**
May 16, 2025
- 2. Title and its heading:**
9, Health Services

Chapter and its heading:
22, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System - Administration

Article and its heading:
7, Standards for Payments

Section number:
R9-22-730
- 3. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
Hospital Assessment Fund
- 4. A citation to all published notices relating to the current proceeding:**
Notice of Proposed Exempt Rulemaking: 31 A.A.R. 2667, August 15, 2025 (*in this issue*); File Number: R25-183
- 5. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
Name: Sladjana Kuzmanovic
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Phoenix, AZ 85007
Telephone: (602) 417-4116
Fax: (602) 253-9115
Email: AHCCCSRules@azahcccs.gov
Website: www.azahcccs.gov
- 6. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
Per A.R.S. § 41-1013(4), this notice is being published in the *Register* for public review.
A person shall send comments to the person listed under item #5.
A public hearing is scheduled on this proposed exempt rulemaking.
Date: September 15, 2025
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Virtual - Teams Meeting
Meeting ID: 290 858 355 625 0
Passcode: 5kP6d366
or
Dial in by phone - (480) 561-5941
Conf. ID: 531677604#
Nature: Public Hearing

Public comment period ends: September 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

Close of record: September 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

- 7. A timetable for agency decisions or other action on the current proceeding, if known:**
Not applicable

NOTICE OF EXEMPT RULEMAKING DOCKET OPENING
ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS)
ADMINISTRATION

[R25-186]

- 1. Permission to proceed with this docket was granted under A.R.S. § 41-1039 by the governor on:**
May 16, 2025
- 2. Title and its heading:**
9, Health Services
- Chapter and its heading:**
22, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System - Administration
- Article and its heading:**
7, Standards for Payments
- Section number:**
R9-22-731
- 3. The subject matter of the proposed rule:**
Health Care Investment Fund
- 4. A citation to all published notices relating to the current proceeding:**
Notice of Proposed Exempt Rulemaking: 31 A.A.R. 2671, August 15, 2025 (*in this issue*); File Number: R25-184
- 5. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate regarding the rule:**
Name: Sladjana Kuzmanovic
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Email: AHCCCSRules@azahcccs.gov
Website: www.azahcccs.gov
- 6. The time during which the agency will accept written comments and the time and place where oral comments may be made:**
Per A.R.S. § 41-1013(4), this notice is being published in the *Register* for public review.
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Not applicable

NOTICES OF INFORMAL PUBLIC MEETING ON AN OPEN RULEMAKING DOCKET

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When an agency opens a rulemaking docket to consider rulemaking, the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the publication of the Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening in the Register.

After a Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening is published, an agency may choose to solicit comments, gather suggested language or input on Sections listed in its docket at an informal public meeting.

If an agency chooses this course of action, it shall prepare and file a Notice of Informal Public Meeting on an Open Rulemaking Docket to be published in the *Register*.

NOTICE OF INFORMAL MEETING ON AN OPEN RULEMAKING DOCKET

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

[M25-73]

1. The following notice will be discussed informally at the meeting:

Notice of Rulemaking Docket Opening: 31 A.A.R. 2594, Issue Date: August 1, 2025; Issue Number: 31; File Number: R25-176

2. The notice subject matter is about:

The subject matter of the proposed rule is Life Insurance Solicitation. The Legislature recently enacted the National Association of Insurance Commissioners’ Model Regulation #582 (Life Insurance Illustrations Model Regulation) during the current legislative session which writes the model regulation into law at A.R.S. Title 20, Chapter 2, new Article 5.1 (Life Insurance Illustrations), new statutory sections A.R.S. §§ 20-431 through 20-431.09 (Laws 2025, Ch. 121).

A companion Model Regulation currently exists at Section R20-6-209. In 2007, the Department adopted Model Regulation #580 (Life Insurance Disclosure Model Regulation) into Section R20-6-209. In 2018, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners revised Model Regulation #580. The Department seeks to amend Section R20-6-209 and repeal the Appendix to reflect the changes made to Model Regulation #580 in 2018 which it believes will better dovetail with the new laws for Life Insurance Illustrations recently adopted into law.

3. Informal meeting schedule:

Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Time zone: America/Phoenix

Google Meet joining info:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mqy-yseo-zhb>

Or dial: (US) +1 478-419-3205 PIN: 275 634 924#

More phone numbers: <https://tel.meet/mqy-yseo-zhb?pin=5410002562283>

4. Contact information:

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NOTICES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Agencies use Notices of Public Information to notify stakeholders about other information that pertains to rulemaking notices under A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(14). When required by law, agencies also use this notice to notify the public about information not related to rulemaking.

The most common use for this notice is to correct errors printed in a rulemaking notice or extend a public comment period.

The Administrative Rules Division of the Office does not provide a standard template for Notices of Public Information because the content of this type of notice varies.

An agency shall follow the Office's formatting standards when preparing this type of notice and use a numbered list of questions and answers. Additionally, an agency receipt shall be filed with a Notice of Public Information.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

[M25-75]

1. Agency name:

Office of the Governor

2. Public information related to this notice:

Notice of Executive Commutation

Governor Hobbs gives notice that the following Executive Commutation was granted for Hope King in response to a unanimous recommendation by the Board of Executive Clemency.

Governor Katie Hobbs hereby gives notice that Hope King received an Executive Commutation, granted August 11, 2025, in response to a unanimous recommendation by the Board of Executive Clemency. Ms. King's sentence of incarceration on Count 5 is commuted to time served. This commutation was granted based on the excessiveness of Ms. King's sentence and compelling information about Ms. King's postpartum mental health.

REGISTER INDEXES

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Abbreviations for rulemaking activity in this Index include:

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PN = Proposed new Section
 PM = Proposed amended Section
 PR = Proposed repealed Section
 P# = Proposed renumbered Section

SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSED RULEMAKING

SPN = Supplemental proposed new Section
 SPM = Supplemental proposed amended Section
 SPR = Supplemental proposed repealed Section
 SP# = Supplemental proposed renumbered Section

FINAL RULEMAKING

FN = Final new Section
 FM = Final amended Section
 FR = Final repealed Section
 F# = Final renumbered Section

SUMMARY RULEMAKING

PROPOSED SUMMARY

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 PSMM = Proposed Summary amended Section
 PSMR = Proposed Summary repealed Section
 PSM# = Proposed Summary renumbered Section

FINAL SUMMARY

FSMN = Final Summary new Section
 FSMM = Final Summary amended Section
 FSMR = Final Summary repealed Section
 FSM# = Final Summary renumbered Section

EXPEDITED RULEMAKING

PROPOSED EXPEDITED

PEN = Proposed Expedited new Section
 PEM = Proposed Expedited amended Section
 PER = Proposed Expedited repealed Section
 PE# = Proposed Expedited renumbered Section

SUPPLEMENTAL EXPEDITED

SPEN = Supplemental Proposed Expedited new Section
 SPEM = Supplemental Proposed Expedited amended Section
 SPER = Supplemental Proposed Expedited repealed Section
 SPE# = Supplemental Proposed Expedited renumbered Section

FINAL EXPEDITED

FEN = Final Expedited new Section
 FEM = Final Expedited amended Section
 FER = Final Expedited repealed Section
 FE# = Final Expedited renumbered Section

EXEMPT RULEMAKING

EXEMPT

XN = Exempt new Section
 XM = Exempt amended Section
 XR = Exempt repealed Section
 X# = Exempt renumbered Section

EXEMPT PROPOSED

PXN = Proposed Exempt new Section
 PXM = Proposed Exempt amended Section
 PXR = Proposed Exempt repealed Section
 PX# = Proposed Exempt renumbered Section

EXEMPT SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSED

SPXN = Supplemental Proposed Exempt new Section
 SPXR = Supplemental Proposed Exempt repealed Section
 SPXM = Supplemental Proposed Exempt amended Section
 SPX# = Supplemental Proposed Exempt renumbered Section

FINAL EXEMPT RULEMAKING

FXN = Final Exempt new Section
 FXM = Final Exempt amended Section
 FXR = Final Exempt repealed Section
 FX# = Final Exempt renumbered Section

EMERGENCY RULEMAKING

EN = Emergency new Section
 EM = Emergency amended Section
 ER = Emergency repealed Section
 E# = Emergency renumbered Section
 EEXP = Emergency expired

RECODIFICATION OF RULES

RC = Recodified

REJECTION OF RULES

RJ = Rejected by the Attorney General

TERMINATION OF RULES

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 TM = Terminated proposed amended Section
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 T# = Terminated proposed renumbered Section

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January		February		March		April		May		June	
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October 31, 2025	November 21, 2025	December 22, 2025
November 7, 2025	November 28, 2025	December 29, 2025
November 14, 2025	December 5, 2025	January 5, 2026
November 21, 2025	December 12, 2025	January 12, 2026
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GOVERNOR’S REGULATORY REVIEW COUNCIL DEADLINES

The following deadlines apply to all Five-Year Review Reports and any adopted rule submitted to the Governor’s Regulatory Review Council. Council meetings and Register deadlines do not correlate. We publish these deadlines under A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(15).

All rules and Five-Year Review Reports are due in the Council office by 5 p.m. of the deadline date. The Council’s office is located at 100 N. 15th Ave., Suite 305, Phoenix, AZ 85007. For more information, call (602) 542-2058 or visit <https://grrc.az.gov>.

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