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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 36-2907, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE
ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 36-2907, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 36-2907. Covered health and medical services; modifications;
5 related delivery of service requirements; rules;
6 definitions

7 A. Subject to the limits and exclusions specified in this section,
8 contractors shall provide the following medically necessary health and
9 medical services:

10 1. Inpatient hospital services that are ordinarily furnished by a
11 hospital to care for and treat inpatients and that are provided under the
12 direction of a physician or a primary care practitioner. For the purposes
13 of this section, inpatient hospital services exclude services in an
14 institution for tuberculosis or mental diseases unless authorized under an
15 approved section 1115 waiver.

16 2. Outpatient health services that are ordinarily provided in
17 hospitals, clinics, offices and other health care facilities by licensed
18 health care providers. Outpatient health services include services
19 provided by or under the direction of a physician or a primary care
20 practitioner, including occupational therapy.

21 3. Other laboratory and X-ray services ordered by a physician or a
22 primary care practitioner.

23 4. Medications that are ordered on prescription by a physician or a
24 dentist who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 11. Persons who are
25 dually eligible for title XVIII and title XIX services must obtain
26 available medications through a medicare licensed or certified medicare
27 advantage prescription drug plan, a medicare prescription drug plan or any
28 other entity authorized by medicare to provide a medicare part D
29 prescription drug benefit.

30 5. Medical supplies, durable medical equipment, insulin pumps and
31 prosthetic devices ordered by a physician or a primary care practitioner.
32 Suppliers of durable medical equipment shall provide the administration
33 with complete information about the identity of each person who has an
34 ownership or controlling interest in their business and shall comply with
35 federal bonding requirements in a manner prescribed by the administration.

36 6. For persons who are at least twenty-one years of age, treatment
37 of medical conditions of the eye, excluding eye examinations for
38 prescriptive lenses and the provision of prescriptive lenses.

39 7. Early and periodic health screening and diagnostic services as
40 required by section 1905(r) of title XIX of the social security act for
41 members who are under twenty-one years of age.

42 8. Family planning services that do not include abortion or
43 abortion counseling. If a contractor elects not to provide family
44 planning services, this election does not disqualify the contractor from
45 delivering all other covered health and medical services under this

1 chapter. In that event, the administration may contract directly with
2 another contractor, including an outpatient surgical center or a
3 noncontracting provider, to deliver family planning services to a member
4 who is enrolled with the contractor that elects not to provide family
5 planning services.

6 9. Podiatry services that are performed by a podiatrist who is
7 licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 7 and ordered by a primary care
8 physician or primary care practitioner.

9 10. Nonexperimental transplants approved for title XIX
10 reimbursement.

11 11. Dental services as follows:

12 (a) Except as provided in ~~subdivision~~ SUBDIVISIONS (b) AND (c) of
13 this paragraph, for persons who are at least twenty-one years of age,
14 emergency dental care and extractions in an annual amount of not more than
15 \$1,000 per member.

16 (b) Subject to approval by the centers for medicare and medicaid
17 services, for persons treated at an Indian health service or tribal
18 facility, adult dental services that are eligible for a federal medical
19 assistance percentage of one hundred percent and that exceed the limit
20 prescribed in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.

21 (c) FOR WOMEN WHO ARE AT LEAST TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE AND IN ANY
22 STAGE OF PREGNANCY, COMPREHENSIVE DENTAL CARE, INCLUDING EXTRACTIONS.

23 12. Ambulance and nonambulance transportation, except as provided
24 in subsection G of this section.

25 13. Hospice care.

26 14. Orthotics, if all of the following apply:

27 (a) The use of the orthotic is medically necessary as the preferred
28 treatment option consistent with medicare guidelines.

29 (b) The orthotic is less expensive than all other treatment options
30 or surgical procedures to treat the same diagnosed condition.

31 (c) The orthotic is ordered by a physician or primary care
32 practitioner.

33 15. Subject to approval by the centers for medicare and medicaid
34 services, medically necessary chiropractic services that are performed by
35 a chiropractor who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 8 and that
36 are ordered by a primary care physician or primary care practitioner
37 pursuant to rules adopted by the administration. The primary care
38 physician or primary care practitioner may initially order up to twenty
39 visits annually that include treatment and may request authorization for
40 additional chiropractic services in that same year if additional
41 chiropractic services are medically necessary.

42 16. For up to ten program hours annually, diabetes outpatient
43 self-management training services, as defined in 42 United States Code
44 section 1395x, if prescribed by a primary care practitioner in either of
45 the following circumstances:

1 (a) The member is initially diagnosed with diabetes.

2 (b) For a member who has previously been diagnosed with diabetes,
3 either:

4 (i) A change occurs in the member's diagnosis, medical condition or
5 treatment regimen.

6 (ii) The member is not meeting appropriate clinical outcomes.

7 17. Pursuant to the terms and conditions that are approved by the
8 centers for medicare and medicaid services and subject to available
9 funding, traditional healing services, if both of the following apply:

10 (a) The member qualifies for services through the Indian health
11 service or a tribal facility pursuant to the conditions of participation
12 outlined in 42 Code of Federal Regulations section 136.12.

13 (b) The traditional healing service is delivered by or through the
14 Indian health service or a tribal facility.

15 B. The limits and exclusions for health and medical services
16 provided under this section are as follows:

17 1. Circumcision of newborn males is not a covered health and
18 medical service.

19 2. For eligible persons who are at least twenty-one years of age:

20 (a) Prosthetic devices do not include hearing aids, dentures or
21 bone-anchored hearing aids. Prosthetic devices, except prosthetic
22 implants, may be limited to \$12,500 per contract year.

23 (b) Percussive vests are not covered health and medical services.

24 (c) Durable medical equipment is limited to items covered by
25 medicare.

26 (d) Nonexperimental transplants do not include pancreas-only
27 transplants.

28 (e) Bariatric surgery procedures, including laparoscopic and open
29 gastric bypass and restrictive procedures, are not covered health and
30 medical services.

31 C. The system shall pay noncontracting providers only for health
32 and medical services as prescribed in subsection A of this section and as
33 prescribed by rule.

34 D. The director shall adopt rules necessary to limit, to the extent
35 possible, the scope, duration and amount of services, including maximum
36 limits for inpatient services that are consistent with federal regulations
37 under title XIX of the social security act (P.L. 89-97; 79 Stat. 344;
38 42 United States Code section 1396 (1980)). To the extent possible and
39 practicable, these rules shall provide for the prior approval of medically
40 necessary services provided pursuant to this chapter.

41 E. The director shall make available home health services in lieu
42 of hospitalization pursuant to contracts awarded under this article. For
43 the purposes of this subsection, "home health services" means the
44 provision of nursing services, home health aide services or medical
45 supplies, equipment and appliances that are provided on a part-time or

1 intermittent basis by a licensed home health agency within a member's
2 residence based on the orders of a physician or a primary care
3 practitioner. Home health agencies shall comply with the federal bonding
4 requirements in a manner prescribed by the administration.

5 F. The director shall adopt rules for the coverage of behavioral
6 health services for persons who are eligible under section 36-2901,
7 paragraph 6, subdivision (a). The administration acting through the
8 regional behavioral health authorities shall establish a diagnostic and
9 evaluation program to which other state agencies shall refer children who
10 are not already enrolled pursuant to this chapter and who may be in need
11 of behavioral health services. In addition to an evaluation, the
12 administration acting through regional behavioral health authorities shall
13 also identify children who may be eligible under section 36-2901,
14 paragraph 6, subdivision (a) or section 36-2931, paragraph 5 and shall
15 refer the children to the appropriate agency responsible for making the
16 final eligibility determination.

17 G. The director shall adopt rules providing for transportation
18 services and rules providing for copayment by members for transportation
19 for other than emergency purposes. Subject to approval by the centers for
20 medicare and medicaid services, nonemergency medical transportation shall
21 not be provided except for stretcher vans and ambulance transportation.
22 Prior authorization is required for transportation by stretcher van and
23 for medically necessary ambulance transportation initiated pursuant to a
24 physician's direction. Prior authorization is not required for medically
25 necessary ambulance transportation services rendered to members or
26 eligible persons initiated by dialing telephone number 911 or other
27 designated emergency response systems.

28 H. The director may adopt rules to allow the administration, at the
29 director's discretion, to use a second opinion procedure under which
30 surgery may not be eligible for coverage pursuant to this chapter without
31 documentation as to need by at least two physicians or primary care
32 practitioners.

33 I. If the director does not receive bids within the amounts
34 budgeted or if at any time the amount remaining in the Arizona health care
35 cost containment system fund is insufficient to pay for full contract
36 services for the remainder of the contract term, the administration, on
37 notification to system contractors at least thirty days in advance, may
38 modify the list of services required under subsection A of this section
39 for persons defined as eligible other than those persons defined pursuant
40 to section 36-2901, paragraph 6, subdivision (a). The director may also
41 suspend services or may limit categories of expense for services defined
42 as optional pursuant to title XIX of the social security act (P.L. 89-97;
43 79 Stat. 344; 42 United States Code section 1396 (1980)) for persons
44 defined pursuant to section 36-2901, paragraph 6, subdivision (a). Such

1 reductions or suspensions do not apply to the continuity of care for
2 persons already receiving these services.

3 J. All health and medical services provided under this article
4 shall be provided in the geographic service area of the member, except:

5 1. Emergency services and specialty services provided pursuant to
6 section 36-2908.

7 2. That the director may allow the delivery of health and medical
8 services in other than the geographic service area in this state or in an
9 adjoining state if the director determines that medical practice patterns
10 justify the delivery of services or a net reduction in transportation
11 costs can reasonably be expected. Notwithstanding the definition of
12 physician as prescribed in section 36-2901, if services are procured from
13 a physician or primary care practitioner in an adjoining state, the
14 physician or primary care practitioner shall be licensed to practice in
15 that state pursuant to licensing statutes in that state that are similar
16 to title 32, chapter 13, 15, 17 or 25 and shall complete a provider
17 agreement for this state.

18 K. Covered outpatient services shall be subcontracted by a primary
19 care physician or primary care practitioner to other licensed health care
20 providers to the extent practicable for purposes including, but not
21 limited to, making health care services available to underserved areas,
22 reducing costs of providing medical care and reducing transportation
23 costs.

24 L. The director shall adopt rules that prescribe the coordination
25 of medical care for persons who are eligible for system services. The
26 rules shall include provisions for transferring patients and medical
27 records and initiating medical care.

28 M. Pursuant to the terms and conditions that are approved by the
29 centers for medicare and medicaid services and subject to available
30 funding, the director shall implement limited benefit coverage prerelease
31 services to eligible incarcerated individuals and committed youth for up
32 to ninety days immediately before ~~the individuals'~~ EACH INDIVIDUAL'S or
33 committed youth's expected date of release from a prison, jail, secure
34 care facility or tribal correctional facility.

35 N. Notwithstanding section 36-2901.08, monies from the hospital
36 assessment fund established by section 36-2901.09 may not be used to
37 provide any of the following:

38 1. Chiropractic services as prescribed in subsection A, paragraph
39 15 of this section.

40 2. Diabetes outpatient self-management training services as
41 prescribed in subsection A, paragraph 16 of this section.

42 3. Speech therapy provided in an outpatient setting to eligible
43 persons who are at least twenty-one years of age.

44 4. Cochlear implants to eligible persons who are at least
45 twenty-one years of age.

- 1 0. For the purposes of this section:
- 2 1. "Ambulance" has the same meaning prescribed in section 36-2201.
- 3 2. "Tribal facility" has the same meaning prescribed in section
- 4 36-2981.
- 5 Sec. 2. Appropriations; Arizona health care cost containment
- 6 system administration; dental services; report
- 7 A. The sum of \$500,000 is appropriated from the state general fund
- 8 and the sum of \$_____ is appropriated from federal medicaid authority
- 9 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the Arizona health care cost containment
- 10 system administration to provide dental services to pregnant women as
- 11 specified in section 36-2907, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this
- 12 act.
- 13 B. In addition to the appropriations made in subsection A of this
- 14 section, the sum of \$_____ is appropriated onetime from the
- 15 prescription drug rebate fund established by section 36-2930, Arizona
- 16 Revised Statutes, in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the Arizona health care cost
- 17 containment system administration to cover costs incurred due to
- 18 eligibility changes that are directly related to introducing a dental
- 19 benefit for pregnant women.
- 20 C. On or before October 1, 2027, the Arizona health care cost
- 21 containment system administration shall report to the governor, the
- 22 president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives and
- 23 the directors of the joint legislative budget committee and the governor's
- 24 office of strategic planning and budgeting the actual costs incurred to
- 25 provide dental services to pregnant women as specified in section 36-2907,
- 26 Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, and the actual costs
- 27 incurred due to eligibility changes directly related to introducing a
- 28 dental benefit for pregnant women during fiscal year 2026-2027.