

## 09 **Federal Emergency Services (FES) - Overview**

Federal Emergency Services (FES) is a restricted provision of medical services under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

Arizona provides emergency MA coverage for participants who meet all eligibility requirements for MA but do NOT meet [citizenship](#) or [LPR](#) status for full services MA. FES is NOT an MA category or program. It is a service package limited to emergency medical care.

FAA determines eligibility for FES. This is identified in AZTECS as ES, in the following MA categories:

- [1931](#)
- [S.O.B.R.A.](#)

For FES, the medical emergency is defined as the sudden onset of a medical condition, with symptoms that, when not treated, could cause any of the following:

- Serious jeopardy to physical or mental health.
- Serious impairment to bodily functions.
- Serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

NOTE This includes labor and delivery for pregnant women.

### **WARNING**

AHCCCS determines whether a medical service meets the definition of a medical emergency, based on information provided by medical professionals.

Participants found eligible for FES are NOT enrolled in an AHCCCS health plan. Payment for their services is made on a [fee-for-service](#) basis.

NOTE AHCCCS ID cards for FES participants specifically indicate Emergency Services, are yellow, and are identified as EMERGENCY SERVICES ONLY.

Applications for FES may be received in FAA local offices, [Approved Hospitals](#), or referred from any of the following:

- [AHCCCS Centralized Screening Unit](#)
- [Baby Arizona](#)
- [Behavioral Health Services](#)
- [Children's Rehabilitative Services](#)
- [Health-e-Arizona](#)
- [KidsCare](#)

A Title XIX (1931 or S.O.B.R.A.) eligibility determination must be completed on these applications.

Policy and procedures regarding FES are outlined as follows:

- [FES Requirements](#)
- [FES Application Process](#)
- [FES Referrals](#)
- [FES Pregnant Women](#)
- [Babies Born to FES Mothers](#)
- [FES Approval Periods](#)