

10 Federal Emergency Services (FES) - Overview

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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 [Qualified Noncitizen](#) 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** by displaying Y in the ES field on CAP2, for the following MA categories:

- [1931](#)
- [S.O.B.R.A.](#) - This includes labor and delivery for pregnant women.

AHCCCS determines FES eligibility for applicants who meet any of the following:

- Age 65 and over
- Under age 65, and any of the following:
 - Blind
 - Diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)
 - Disabled (See [FES Referrals- Blind or Disabled](#))
 - Receiving dialysis
 - Acute leukemia

WARNING

AHCCCS determines whether a medical service is a medical emergency and will pay for the service based on information AHCCCS is provided.

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. The cards 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 Providers](#)
- [Behavioral Health Services](#)
- [Children's Rehabilitative Services](#)
- [Health-e-Arizona](#)
- [KidsCare](#)
- [AHCCCS/SSI-MAO Unit](#)
- [ALTCS Offices](#)

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](#)