

**[Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 36-210.]**

§ 36-210. Expenditures: Arizona State Hospital

A. This article does not give the director or any employee authority to create a debt or obligation in excess of the amount appropriated by the legislature to carry out its provisions. If monies are not appropriated to carry out the purpose of this article, the director shall submit recommendations to the legislature, with a statement of the cost when an improvement is requested.

B. Except as provided by subsection D of this section, the director of the department of administration shall not issue a warrant for expenditures by the state hospital in excess of the estimate contained in the monthly financial statement unless the superintendent submits a written request that is approved in writing by the director of the department of health services and that states the reasons for the request. The director of the department of administration shall not issue warrants in excess of the amount available for the current quarter.

C. If a patient in the state hospital requires a health care service that the state hospital or a facility or provider contracted by the state hospital cannot provide, the department of health services shall pay approved claims from a facility or provider that provides these required services as follows:

1. For inpatient and outpatient hospital services, the state shall reimburse at a level that does not exceed the reimbursement methodology established in section 36-2903.01, subsection G.

2. For health and medical services, the state shall reimburse providers at a level that does not exceed the capped fee-for-service schedule that is adopted by the Arizona health care cost containment system administration pursuant to chapter 29, article 1 of this title and that is in effect at the time the service is delivered.

D. Monies appropriated for capital investment may be expended at any time during the fiscal period for which the monies are appropriated as directed by the director.