

DATE: March 5, 2024
TO: Holders of the AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual
FROM: DHCS Contracts and Policy
SUBJECT: AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual (ACOM)

This memo describes additions and/or revisions to the ACOM. For questions regarding policy updates email the Contracts and Policy Unit at: DHCMContractsandPolicy@azahcccs.gov.

NAME CHANGE

Effective April 1, 2021, Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program (CMDP) changed to Comprehensive Health Plan (CHP) due to Behavioral health integration. Refer to Laws 2019, 1st Regular Session. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent documents to reflect the new name.

CONTRACT NAME CHANGE

Effective October 1, 2022, the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) for the Managed Care Organizations was aligned with the Competitive Contract Expansion YH20-0002 to expand the provision of services for the awarded ACC-RBHA Contractors. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent documents to reflect this change.

AHCCCS CONTRACT AND POLICY DICTIONARY AND AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS

To view the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary, please access the following link:

[AHCCCS CONTRACT AND POLICY DICTIONARY](#)

The AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary provides a centralized location for definitions that are utilized in various ACOM and AMPM Policies. A hyperlink to the location of the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary has been added to applicable policies. AHCCCS is in the process of adding an area within the Definition Section of all policies that identifies terms used/referenced in that policy to encourage viewing of the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary to better understand how AHCCCS defines the word or term. However, some policies have specific terms/definitions that may have a slightly different meaning for that respective Policy; those terms/definitions will remain in the Policy and will include a statement indicating 'For purposes of this Policy only'.

To view the AHCCCS Related Acronyms, please access the following link:

[AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS](#)

UPDATES AND REVISIONS TO THE AHCCCS CONTRACTOR OPERATIONS MANUAL (ACOM)

To view the policies and attachments, please access the following link:

[AHCCCS CONTRACTOR OPERATIONS MANUAL \(ACOM\)](#)

ACOM POLICY 306 – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MODEL INITIATIVE – WITHHOLD AND QUALITY MEASURE PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE

ACOM Policy 306 was revised to update applicable Contract Year Ending (CYE) dates including the CYE 25 for the potential effective date for the ACC-RBHA Serious Mental Illness (SMI) population, define statistical significance for improvement, clarify scenarios for earning points based on performance and improvement, and update formatting and grammar for clarity.

- **ATTACHMENT A – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MODEL QUALITY MEASURES PERFORMANCE SCORES**

Attachment A had no changes.

- **ATTACHMENT B – FEDERAL LIMIT TEST**

Attachment B was revised to update tab labels to reference CYE 2024

ACOM POLICY 307 – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MODEL INITIATIVE – STRATEGIES AND PERFORMANCE-BASED PAYMENTS INCENTIVE

ACOM Policy 307 was revised for performance measure alignment with ACOM Policy 306, Alternative Payment Model Initiative-Withhold and Quality Measure Performance Incentive and with the current Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Core Set of Child or Adult Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid. AHCCCS has paused the Structured Payment File requirements effective immediately for all past and future years. Other notable changes are AHCCCS' intent for Contract Year Ending (CYE) 25 which include alignment with Targeted Investment (TI)

- **ATTACHMENT A – LEARNING ACTION NETWORK – ALTERNATIVE PAYMENT MODEL FRAMEWORK STRATEGIES**

Attachment A had no changes.