

DATE: May 08, 2020
TO: Holders of the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual
FROM: DHCM Contracts and Policy
SUBJECT: AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)

This memo describes revisions and/or additions to the AMPM.

Please direct questions regarding policy updates to the Contracts and Policy Unit at 602-417-4295 or 602-417-4055 or email at DHCMContractsandPolicy@azahcccs.gov.

Information Regarding COVID-19

In response to Medicaid-related questions from providers and contractors arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, AHCCCS has developed a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) which is updated regularly. It is important to note that there are instances where the information presented in the COVID-19 FAQs does not align with provisions set forth by the AMPM. In these instances the FAQs take precedence and are controlling.

UPDATES AND REVISIONS TO THE AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL (AMPM)

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AMPM POLICY 1210, INSTITUTIONAL SERVICES AND SETTINGS

AMPM Policy 1210 was revised to remove language on Behavioral Health Inpatient Facility (BHIF) and Institution for Mental Disease (IMD) as this Policy is specific to the provision of requirements regarding Long Term Care institutional and inpatient settings. This Policy was also revised to remove the requirements for behavioral health institutional services, as this information is covered in AMPM Policy 310-B.

- **ATTACHMENT A, DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDED IN THE NF AND ICF FFS PER DIEM RATE**

Reserved as information has been posted to the Fee For Service (FFS) Billing Manual as of July 26, 2019.

- **ATTACHMENT B, MEDICAL SUPPLIES INCLUDED IN THE NF FFS PER DIEM RATE**

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POST TRIBAL CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES:

AMPM Policy 1210 was revised to further clarify original changes after being posted for Tribal Consultation Notification/Public Comment period on 03-06-20.

AMPM POLICY 1250-D, RESPITE CARE

AMPM Policy 1250-D was revised to update the effective date for provider agencies to develop policies and procedures, such as conducting background checks of Direct Care Workers, and Fingerprint Clearance Card requirements. This Policy was also revised to include group respite requirements, provide clarification of who may provide Respite services to members, and to add/update definitions.

POST TRIBAL CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES:

AMPM Policy 1250-D was revised to further clarify original changes after being posted for Tribal Consultation Notification/Public Comment period on 03-02-20.

APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

AMPM Approved Not Yet Effective

AMPM POLICY 310-B, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE BENEFIT**AMPM POLICY 965, COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCIES****AMPM POLICY 1200, RESERVED**