

**DATE:** July 09, 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](mailto: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.

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

#### **[AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual \(AMPM\)](#)**

None at this time.

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

#### **[AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL \(AMPM\)](#)**

Pursuant to Laws 2019, 1st Regular Session, Chapter 305, behavioral health services for children in DCS custody were anticipated to transition from the RBHA Contractors to DCS/ CMDP effective October 1, 2020. However, this implementation has been delayed. Revisions that have already been completed for ACOM and AMPM Policies and Attachment(s), related to this anticipated integration [**listed in document provided below**], will remain in the impacted policies but will not be applicable until such time that CMDP behavioral health service integration is implemented. Revisions unrelated to the integration of behavioral health services for CMDP members; will continue to be effective October 1, 2020.

[https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/ACOM/NotEffective/Policies\\_CMDP\\_Integration\\_Changes\\_To\\_Publish.pdf](https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/ACOM/NotEffective/Policies_CMDP_Integration_Changes_To_Publish.pdf)

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**AMPM POLICY 320-W, THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE FOR CHILDREN**

AMPM 320-W is a new Policy that establishes requirements regarding Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) for Children. The draft policy that was sent out for public comment included Adult Behavioral Health Therapeutic Homes (ABHTH) and based on public feedback, AHCCCS has determined to create a separate Adult Behavioral Health Therapeutic Homes (ABHTH) Policy that is currently under development. *Implementation Date 10/01/20.*

**POST TRIBAL CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES:**

AMPM Policy 320-W was revised for removal of adult system specific language, removal of Department of Child Safety (DCS) specific language, and clarification between Individualized Service Plan (ISP) and Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Treatment Plan after being posted for Tribal Consultation Notification/Public Comment on 04/16/20.

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**PREVIOUSLY APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE****[AMPM Approved Not Yet Effective](#)****AMPM POLICY 310-B, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE BENEFIT**

See Revision Memo dated 03/02/20 for summary of changes.  
*Implementation Date 10/01/20.*

**AMPM POLICY 541, COORDINATION OF CARE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES**

See Revision Memo dated 06/03/20 for summary of changes.  
*Implementation Date 10/01/20.*

**AMPM POLICY 965, COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCIES**

See Revision Memo dated 03/02/19 for summary of changes.  
*Implementation Date 10/01/20.*

**AMPM POLICY 1020, MEDICAL MANAGEMENT SCOPE AND COMPONENTS**

See Revision Memo dated 07/01/20 for summary of changes.  
*Implementation Date 10/01/20.*

**AMPM POLICY 1200, RESERVED**

See Revision Memo dated 02/12/20 for summary of changes.  
*Implementation Date 10/01/20.*

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**AMPM EXHIBIT 1620 – 13, ALTCS MEMBER SERVICE PLAN**

See Revision Memo dated 07/01/20 for summary of changes.  
*Implementation Date 10/01/20.*