

DATE: May 16, 2022
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 602-417-4055 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 CMS-approved flexibilities and COVID-19 FAQs does not align with provisions set forth by the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM). In these instances, the CMS-approved flexibilities and FAQs take precedence and are controlling.

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.

AHCCCS CONTRACT AND POLICY DICTIONARY AND AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS

To view the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary from our Guides and Manuals site, please access the following link:

AHCCCS CONTRACT AND POLICY DICTIONARY

Consistent with the Arizona Management System (AMS) principles to streamline processes and provide consistency in Policy Development, the Contract and Policy Unit has developed a new *AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary*. The Dictionary provides a centralized location for definitions that are currently found in the various ACOM and AMPM Policies. The Contract and Policy Dictionary can be found on the AHCCCS website under Resources – Guides-Manuals-Policies. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent policies to remove definitions and adding a hyperlink to the location of the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary. Some policies have specific terms/definitions that may have a slightly different meaning for that respective Policy only; those terms/definitions will remain in the Policy and will include a statement indicating the term/definition is applicable 'For purposes of this Policy only'.

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

AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS

Common AHCCCS Related Acronyms can be found on the AHCCCS website under AHCCCS Info – About Us.

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

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

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

AMPM EXHIBIT 300-2A – AHCCCS COVERED SERVICES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

AMPM Exhibit 300-2A was revised to remove the reference to the AHCCCS Covered Behavioral Health Services Guide as the guide has been reserved. The AHCCCS Drug List title was updated to reflect its current name.

NEWLY ADDED TO APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

[AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual \(AMPM\)](#)

AMPM POLICY 320-C - BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER TREATMENT PROGRAM

AMPM Policy 320-C was revised to update program requirements including the addition of a new email address, bcctp@azahcccs.gov, and adding a requirement for the Contractor to submit the updated treatment status within 30 calendar days of receipt.

Implementation Date 10/01/22.

POST TRIBAL CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES:

AMPM Policy 320-C was revised to further clarify original changes after being posted for Tribal Consultation Notification and Public Comment on 03/09/22.

APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

[AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual \(AMPM\)](#)

AMPM POLICY 310-C – BREAST RECONSTRUCTION AFTER MASTECTOMY

Refer to Revision Memo dated 05/02/22.

Implementation Date 10/01/22.

AMPM POLICY 310-J – HOSPICE SERVICES

Refer to Revision Memo dated 05/02/22.

Implementation Date 10/01/22.