

DATE: September 28, 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 POLICY 320-W – THERAPEUTIC FOSTER CARE FOR CHILDREN

AMPM Policy 320-W was revised to remove the exclusionary criteria “An intervention for member runaway behaviors unrelated to a behavioral health condition” to be less stringent. Additional revisions include minor formatting and removing the Contractor reporting requirement for Therapeutic Foster Care bed utilization.

Implementation Date 10/01/22.

AMPM POLICY 420 – FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES AND SUPPLIES

AMPM Policy 420 was revised to align with the Competitive Contract Expansion YH20-0002 to expand the provision of services for the awarded ACC Contractors. Additional changes include updating language to member-centered approach under section B., Contractor Requirements For Providing Family Planning Services and Supplies.

Implementation Date 10/01/22.

○ **ATTACHMENT A – CONSENT TO STERILIZATION**

No changes.

○ **ATTACHMENT B – AHCCCS STERILIZATION REPORTING FORM FOR MEMBERS UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE**

No changes.

AMPM POLICY 430 - EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC, AND TREATMENT SERVICES

AMPM Policy 430 was revised to align with the Competitive Contract Expansion YH20-0002 to expand the provision of services for the awarded ACC Contractors. Requirements were added for a maternal postpartum depression screening to be accomplished at the 1, 2, 4, and 6 month EPSDT visits. *Suicide screening was also added to be performed at each of the EPSDT visits for children ages 12-21. Language added to clarify* there is no limit to glasses replacements. A section was added to allow for counseling visits for immunizations exclusive to a well child visit. Language was revised to align with most recent changes in AMPM 431. Language added to cover cochlear implants for unilateral severe hearing loss. A section was added to address transition out of EPSDT for members. A section was added for developmental surveillance and language clarified for developmental screening.

Implementation Date 10/01/22.

○ **ATTACHMENT A – AHCCCS EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT PERIODICITY SCHEDULE**

Attachment A was revised to add Post-Partum Depressing Screening for Birthing Parent and Adolescent Suicide Screening.

○ **ATTACHMENT B – AHCCCS CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL NECESSITY FOR COMMERCIAL ORAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS (EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT AGED MEMBERS-INITIAL OR ONGOING REQUESTS)**

No changes.

○ **ATTACHMENT C - PROCEDURES FOR THE COORDINATION OF SERVICES UNDER EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT AND EARLY INTERVENTION**

Attachment C was revised to remove acronym NOA and replace with “Notice of Adverse Benefit Determination” to align with ACOM Policy 414.

○ **ATTACHMENT D – ARIZONA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM AHCCCS MEMBER SERVICE REQUEST FORM**

No changes.

○ **ATTACHMENT E - AHCCCS EPSDT CLINICAL SAMPLE TEMPLATES**

Attachment E was revised to add word ‘screen’ next to postpartum depression on the 1,2,4, and 6 months EPSDT templates. Add CDC surveillance checklist link on the 2 months - five years templates. Add “suicide screening” on the 12 years – 20 years templates.

○ **ATTACHMENT F – EPSDT PROGRAM PLAN CHECKLIST**

Attachment F was revised to add requirements for monitoring postpartum depression screening and adolescent suicide screening. Language was added to emphasize items to be included in the work plan. Minor grammatical edits for clarity.

POST TRIBAL CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES:

AMPM Policy 430 was revised to further clarify original changes after being posted for Tribal Consultation Notification and Public Comment on 07/18/22. Changes were made to Policy and Attachments regarding the ages for suicide and depression screening for adolescents ages 10-20.

NEWLY ADDED TO APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL (AMPM)

AMPM POLICY 1230-A – ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

AMPM Policy 1230-A was revised to comply with the Home and Community Based Settings Rule under section 1915 of the Social Security Act [42 CFR 438.3(o); 42 CFR 441.301(c)(4)]. Requirements for Assisted Living Facilities were added to comply with the federal mandate for HCBS Rules.

Implementation Date 03/01/23.

AMPM EXHIBIT 1620-15 – ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY RESIDENCY AGREEMENT

AMPM Exhibit 1620-15 was revised to align with the Home and Community Based Settings Rule under section 1915 of the Social Security Act and clarified responsibilities for Tribal ALTCS.

Implementation Date 03/01/23.

PREVIOUSLY ADDED TO APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL (AMPM)

AMPM POLICY 1240-B – ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Refer to Revision Memo 09/01/22.

Implementation Date 03/01/23.