

DATE: February 01, 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 602-417-4295 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 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.

[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](#)

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. Although currently the Dictionary reflects only definitions from the ACOM and AMPM, in the future it will include definitions from the Contracts as well. Definitions found in the Dictionary will be removed from the ACOM and AMPM Policies as they are published and a hyperlink to the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary will be included. Some policies have specific terms/definitions that will need to apply to the 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 310-V – PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS/PHARMACY SERVICES**

AMPM Policy 310-V was revised to address annual October 1, 2021, changes and to apply name change for CMDP from Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program to Comprehensive Health Plan (CHP) effective April 1, 2021, due to CHP behavioral health integration. Language pertaining to Medicare Part D coverage has been updated to align with AMPM Policies 320-T1 and 320-T2 and ACOM Policies 204 and 434. New language regarding the administration of covid vaccine for IHS and 638 pharmacists and pharmacy interns was added, in addition to Contract language on Guest Dosing. Policy was revised for general formatting updates.

○ **ATTACHMENT A – INFORMED CONSENT/ASSENT FOR PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION TREATMENT**

No changes.

○ **ATTACHMENT B – 5 DAY SUPPLY LIMIT OF SHORT-ACTING OPIOID AND LONG-ACTING OPIOID MEDICATION EXCLUSION SPECIFICATIONS**

No changes.

○ **ATTACHMENT C – ICD-10-CM DIAGNOSIS CODE**

No changes.

POST TRIBAL CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES:

AMPM Policy 310-V was revised to further clarify original changes after being posted for Tribal Consultation Notification and Public Comment on 10/27/21.

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

AMPM Policy 430, has been revised to apply name change for CMDP from Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program to Comprehensive Health Plan (CHP) effective April 1, 2021, due to CHP behavioral health integration. Change made throughout Policy and Attachments. Policy was also updated to remove Coding information that transitioned to the Provider Billing Manual and the Medical Coding Resource location on the AHCCCS website. A 30 month Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment visit and developmental screening recommendation for a total of five required developmental screens was added. Revisions of developmental screening requirements were made to align with CMS Core Measures as well as agency quality strategy.

- **ATTACHMENT A - AHCCCS EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT MEDICATION EXCLUSION SPECIFICATIONS**

Attachment A added a 30 month visit and revised the wording for developmental screening wording to align with updated requirements.

- **ATTACHMENT B - AHCCCS CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL NECESSITY FOR COMMERCIAL ORAL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENTS**

Attachment B added clarification that the World Health Organization(WHO) growth charts are to be utilized prior to the age of two.

- **ATTACHMENT C - PROCEDURES FOR THE COORDINATION OF SERVICES UNDER EPSDT AND EARLY INTERVENTION**

No changes made.

- **ATTACHMENT D - ARIZONA EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (AZEIP) AHCCCS MEMBER SERVICE REQUEST**

Attachment D updated to the version used by Department of Economic Security (DES).

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

Attachment E received a name change from AHCCCS EPSDT Tracking Forms to AHCCCS EPSDT Clinical Sample Templates. In addition, a 30 month visit was added.

- **ATTACHMENT F - EPSDT PROGRAM PLAN CHECKLIST**

Attachment F received a name change from EPSDT Plan and Evaluation Checklist to EPSDT Program Plan Checklist. In addition, specific requirement in the narrative and work plans to address developmental screening tools and childhood obesity was removed.

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 10/08/21.