

AHCCCS Benefit Changes

Background

In response to significant fiscal challenges facing the State and substantial recent growth in the Medicaid population, the FY 2011 enacted budget directs AHCCCS to implement several changes to the adult benefit package.

In 2009, AHCCCS completed a review of the adult acute care benefit package. Some of the recommendations from that workgroup are reflected in the legislative changes.

Population

The changes to the benefit package will impact **all** adults 21 years and older, unless otherwise specified. This includes members in the Arizona Long Term Care System and American Indians regardless of whether they receive services through managed care or fee for service.

Children under the age of 21 will continue to receive the full benefit package available under the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment program.

Effective Date and Next Steps

It is anticipated that implementation for many of these changes will be effective July 1, 2010 or October 1, 2010, unless otherwise specified. These dates are subject to change. Advance notice will be provided prior to implementation of these changes. Updates will be posted to the website as appropriate.

Benefit Changes:

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| • Dental Services | Eliminate |
| • Services by a Podiatrist | Eliminate |
| • Insulin Pumps | Eliminate |
| • Percussive Vests | Eliminate |
| • Bone-Anchored Hearing Aids | Eliminate |
| • Cochlear Implants | Eliminate |
| • Orthotics | Eliminate |
| • Gastric Bypass Surgery ¹ | Eliminate |
| • Selected Durable Medical Equipment ² | Eliminate |
| • Specified Transplants ³ | Eliminate |
| • Well exams | Eliminate |
| • Non Emergency Medical Transportation for limited populations ⁴ | Eliminate |

¹ Per HB 2010, effective 10/1/2011

² Includes, but is not limited to, DME items not covered by Medicare

³ Per HB 2010: Pancreas only, Pancreas after Kidney, Lung, Unrelated allogenic hemopoetic cell, Heart for non-ischemic Cardiomyopathy, Liver for Diagnosis of Hepatitis C Transplants

⁴ Per HB 2010, limited to specific populations in Pima and Maricopa Counties