

ALTCS EPD RFP YH27-0001 MAJOR DECISIONS

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AHCCCS intends to have the same minimum supplemental benefit requirements as it has in the past. Those are:																																			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dental services, 2. Hearing services, 3. Over-The-Counter (OTC) health products catalog, and monthly or quarterly benefit maximum amount(s), 																																			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">4. Telehealth services,5. Fitness Benefits, and6. Vision services. <p>However, plans are welcome and encouraged to offer additional benefits that may support members in alignment with AHCCCS goals and priorities.</p> <p>As has been the case, ALTCS/EPD members who have a FIDE DNSP plan, must align their DNSP plan with their Medicaid plan, effective when the next Medicare plan year starts. While some members may be misaligned for a period of about three months at the outset, AHCCCS does intend to consider alignment as part of its auto assignment logic.</p>
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