AHCCCS/ALTCS covers medically necessary institutional services provided in an AHCCCS registered long term care facility for ALTCS members who are at immediate risk of institutional placement and are either Elderly and/or have Physical Disabilities (E/PD) or who have been determined by the Arizona Department of Economic Security/Division of Developmental Disabilities to be Developmentally Disabled (DD).

Services provided to managed care Title XIX members (including members who receive behavioral health services through an Integrated RBHA, RBHA or TRBHA) may be reimbursed in any behavioral health setting, regardless of age, under the Federal Provision, 42 C.F.R. 438.6(e), when approved for managed care contracts by CMS.

**NOTE:** ALTCS members who are in the transitional program (see detailed information about the transitional program in Policy 1620, Standard H of this manual) are not eligible for Nursing Facility (NF) services or Intermediate Care Facility for persons with intellectual disabilities (ICF) services exceeding 90 continuous days per admission. Also, services outlined in Policy 1240 of this Chapter may not be provided in institutional settings.

Descriptions of these settings are as follows:

**Nursing facility, including religious non-medical health care institutions**

The Nursing Facility (NF) must be licensed and Medicare/Medicaid certified by the Arizona Department of Health Services in accordance with 42 C.F.R. 483 to provide inpatient room, board and nursing services to members who require these services on a continuous basis, but who do not require hospital care or direct daily care from a physician. Religious non-medical health care institutions are exempt from State licensing requirements as are on-reservation NFs.

**Intermediate Care Facility for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF)**

A health care institution, Medicaid certified through ADHS and monitored by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES), providing room and board and
whose primary purpose is to provide health, habilitative and rehabilitative services to individuals with developmental disabilities.

**Amount, Duration and Scope**

For ALTCS, NF and ICF institutional services, each unit of service constitutes a 24 hour day (per diem), and includes:

1. Nursing care services, including rehabilitation, restorative services and respiratory care services
2. Social services
3. Dietary services, including, but not limited to, preparation and administration of special diets and adaptive tools for eating
4. Recreational therapies and activities
5. Overall management and evaluation of the facility’s plan of care for the member
6. Observation and assessment of the member’s changing condition
7. Room and board services, including, but not limited to, support services such as food, personal laundry and housekeeping
8. Nonprescription and stock medications, and
9. Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and medical supplies as negotiated per contract between the facility and ALTCS Managed Care Contractor including customized DME (as defined in Chapter 100 of this Manual) if specified. Exhibit 1210-1 provides a listing of DME included in the per diem for the ALTCS FFS program. Exhibit 1210-2 addresses medical supplies included in the per diem for the ALTCS FFS program (This applies to NFs only).

In addition, the following services must be available to members residing in an ALTCS institutional setting, but are not included in the service unit:

1. Speech, physical and occupational therapies unless required as a part of the per diem for the service unit
2. Medical/acute care services as specified in Chapter 300 of this Manual. Medical/acute care services provided to ALTCS members are the same as those provided to acute care members.
3. Customized DME ordered by the member’s primary care provider and authorized by the Contractor or by the AHCCCS Administration for FFS members.

4. Professional services provided by Behavioral Health Independent Billers, who may report/bill services separately from the facility (see definition in Glossary of the Behavioral Health Services Guide). Refer to the ADHS/Health Services Guide for further information on AHCCCS covered behavioral health services and settings.

5. Hospice services (refer to Policy 1250 of this Manual for detailed information regarding components of this service), and

6. EPSDT services as specified in Chapter 400, Policy 430 of this Manual.

Institutional settings also include Behavioral Health Inpatient facilities, Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD), and Inpatient Behavioral Health Residential Treatment Facilities. ALTCS Contractors are responsible for ensuring that providers delivering institutional services to members must meet the requirements as specified in this Manual.

Behavioral Health Inpatient Facility

A behavioral health service facility licensed by ADHS, as defined in 9 A.A.C. 10-101, to provide a structured treatment setting with 24-hour supervision, on-site medical services and an intensive behavioral health treatment program. These facilities are the highest level of inpatient behavioral health services. Some BH Inpatient facilities are IMDs.

Institution for Mental Disease (IMD)

A Medicare-certified hospital, special hospital for psychiatric care, behavioral health facility or nursing care institution which has more than 16 treatment beds and provides diagnosis, care and specialized treatment services for mental illness or substance abuse for more than 50% of the members is considered an IMD. ADHS Office of Behavioral Health Licensure-licensed Inpatient facilities with more than 16 beds are considered IMDs.

AHCCCS will suspend eligibility for persons over age 21 and under age 65 while the member is admitted to an IMD when:

1. The member is an ALTCS eligible person whose care is covered fee-for-service (that is, the member is not enrolled with an ALTCS managed care contractor), or
2. The member is enrolled with a managed care contractor responsible for providing coverage for behavioral health services (an Integrated RBHA, RBHA, TRBHA, or ALTCS managed care contractor) and the IMD is owned or operated by the Indian Health Service or a tribal entity under a 638 agreement with the Indian Health Service.

However, eligibility will not be suspended for persons under the age of 22 if they are patients in an IMD when they turn age 21.

AHCCCS provider types B6 and 71 are IMDs

Inpatient Psychiatric Residential Treatment Center (available to Title XIX members under 21 years of age)

A behavioral health service facility licensed by ADHS. Services must be provided under the direction of a physician and include active treatment implemented as a result of the service plan developed. The service plan must include an integrated program of therapies, activities and experiences designed to meet the treatment objectives for the member. An AIHP/FFS or Tribal ALTCS Title XIX member who turns age 21 while receiving services in an inpatient psychiatric facility considered to be an IMD may continue to receive services until the point in time in which services are no longer required or the member turns age 22, whichever comes first.

Amount, Duration and Scope

For behavioral health institutional services, each unit of service constitutes a 24-hour day (per diem), and includes:

1. Physical health and Nursing care services, including rehabilitation

2. Social services

3. Dietary services, including, but not limited to, preparation and administration of special diets

4. Recreational therapies and activities

5. Overall management and evaluation of the facility’s plan of care for the member

6. Observation and assessment of the member’s changing condition

7. Room and board services, including, but not limited to, support services such as food, personal laundry and housekeeping, and

In addition, the following services must be available to members residing in a behavioral health institutional setting, but are not included in the service unit:

1. Speech, physical and occupational therapies unless required as a part of the per diem for the service unit

2. Medical/acute care services as specified in Chapter 300 of this Manual. Medical/acute care services provided to ALTCS Contractor members include all those services provided to acute care Contractor members.

3. Professional services provided by behavioral health independent billers, who may report/bill services separately from the facility (see definition in Glossary of the ADHS/Behavioral Health Services Guide).

Refer to the ADHS/Behavioral Health Services Guide for further information on AHCCCS covered behavioral health services and settings.