I. PURPOSE

This Policy applies to Tribal ALTCS. This Policy establishes additional case management standards for Tribal ALTCS.

II. DEFINITIONS

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND APPLIANCES**

Any item, appliance, or piece of equipment (pursuant to 42 CFR 440.70) that is not prosthetic or an orthotic.

1. Is customarily used to serve a medical purpose, is generally not useful to a person in the absence of an illness, disability, or injury,
2. Can withstand repeated use, and
3. Can be reusable by others or be removable.

For purposes of this Policy, the term “medical equipment” refers to both medical equipment and appliances.

III. POLICY

In addition to all other Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) case management standards, the following standards apply for Tribal ALTCS:

The Tribal ALTCS Case Manager shall:

1. Assist in obtaining the documentation, and shall coordinate with AHCCCS DFSM, for approval prior to entering the service authorization into the Client Assessment and Tracking System (CATS) sub-system (CA165/Service Plan) of the AHCCCS Pre-Paid Medical Management Information Systems (PMMIS) for the following services:
   a. Utilization of nursing facilities and alternative residential settings (specialty rates for facilities and above level of care facility rates), and
   b. Home Modifications. Refer to AMPM Policy 1240-I, Attachment A, for a copy of the required Home Modification Request/Justification Form.

2. Obtain medical review by AHCCCS DFSM before providing authorization and entering the service authorization on the CA165/Service Plan for the following services:
   a. Medical Equipment, when the cost exceeds $500 (items between $300 and $499 shall be authorized by the case manager and included on the CA165/Service Plan),
b. Specialty beds, 
c. Wound care treatments, and 
d. Medically necessary incontinence supplies (e.g. diapers and Chux). This does not include catheters, ostomy supplies, or personal care items intended to treat a medical condition, including but not limited to: items for personal cleanliness, hygiene, and grooming.