

**310-M IMMUNIZATIONS**

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**I. PURPOSE**

This Policy applies to AHCCCS Complete Care (ACC), ALTCS E/PD, DCS/CMDP (CMDP), DES/DDD (DDD), and RBHA Contractors; Fee-For-Service (FFS) Programs as delineated within this Policy including: Tribal ALTCS, the American Indian Health Program (AIHP); and all FFS populations, excluding TRBHAs and Federal Emergency Services (FES). (For FES, see AMPM Chapter 1100). This Policy establishes requirements for immunizations covered by AHCCCS.

**II. DEFINITIONS**

**VACCINE** A preparation administered to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against one or several diseases.

**IMMUNIZATION** The administration of a vaccine to promote the development of immunity or resistance to an infectious disease.

**CHILD** A person under the age of 19 years.

**ADULT** A person 19 years of age and older.

**III. POLICY**

AHCCCS covers immunizations as appropriate for age, history, and health risk, for adults and children. Covered immunizations for children are identified in AMPM Chapter 400.

AHCCCS follows the recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Prior authorization shall not be required by AHCCCS FFS and Contractors' Providers for medically necessary AHCCCS covered immunizations when administered by an AHCCCS registered provider.

1. Covered immunizations for adults include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Diphtheria-tetanus,
  - b. Influenza,
  - c. Pneumococcus,
  - d. Rubella,

- e. Measles,
- f. Hepatitis A,
- g. Hepatitis-B,
- h. Pertussis, as currently recommended by the CDC or ACIP,
- i. Zoster vaccine, for members 50 years of age and older, and
- j. HPV vaccine for members up through 26 years of age.

Immunizations are not covered by AHCCCS for members for passport, visa clearance or for travel outside of the United States.

Refer to AMPM 310-V for pharmacy reimbursement for adult immunizations.