

## **320-M - MEDICAL MARIJUANA**

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### **I. PURPOSE**

This Policy applies to ACC, ACC-RBHA, ALTCS E/PD, DCS CHP (CHP), DES DDD (DDD) Contractors; Fee-For-Services (FFS) Programs including: the American Indian Health Program (AIHP), Tribal ALTCS, TRBHA, and all FFS populations, excluding Federal Emergency Services Program (FESP). (For FESP, see AMPM Chapter 1100). This Policy establishes requirements for the use of medical marijuana.

### **II. DEFINITIONS**

Refer to the [AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary](#) for common terms found in this Policy.

### **III. POLICY**

AHCCCS covers federally reimbursable medications prescribed by a physician, a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, dentist or other AHCCCS approved practitioner and dispensed by a licensed AHCCCS registered pharmacy, as defined in 9 AAC 22, Article 2. Under 42 CFR 440.120, Medical Marijuana does not qualify as a federally reimbursable medication.

AHCCCS does not currently cover and has never covered medical marijuana as a medical or pharmacy benefit. AHCCCS will not provide reimbursement for an office visit or any other services that are primarily for the purpose of determining if a member would benefit from Medical Marijuana.

AHCCCS recognizes that registered providers operating within the scope of their license may recommend the use of medical marijuana although it is not a covered benefit.