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SUBJECT: AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)
Update, 2013-06

Please note that the effective date of all revisions in Update 2013-06 is October 01, 2013. A summary of the changes are below.

CHAPTER 300, POLICY 310-T, PHYSICIAN SERVICES

Well visits for adults have been reinstated as a covered benefit. Coverage for well visits is described in Policy 310-T, Physician Services.

CHAPTER 300, POLICY 310-H, HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT AND SCREENING TESTS

Physical examinations and well visits for members to determine risk of disease, provide early detection, establish a prevention treatment plan for the member, and allow for annual periodic examinations to monitor health status for adults, have been reinstated to Policy 310-H, Health Risk Assessment and Screening Tests.

CHAPTER 300, EXHIBIT 300-3, BENEFIT CHANGE IMPLEMENTATION

Well visits for adults are being reinstated and reflected in Exhibit 300-3. In addition, bariatric surgery will remain a covered benefit; however, Contractors must utilize evidence-based guidelines when authorizing bariatric surgery procedures.