

DATE: October 5, 2017
TO: Holders of the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual
FROM: Contracts and Policy Unit
Division of Health Care Management, AHCCCS
SUBJECT: AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)

This memo describes revisions and/or additions to the AMPM.

Please direct questions regarding policy updates to the Contracts and Policy Unit at 602-417-4295 or 602- 417-4055 or email at DHCMContractsandPolicy@azahcccs.gov.

PLEASE NOTE: We are currently converting the AMPM Headers and Footers to a new format, aligning Policy language for consistency, and changing Exhibits to Attachments. Changes will be done over the next several months. In addition, Arizona Law 2015, Chapter 19 Section 9 (SB 1480) enacts that from and after June 30, 2016 the provisions of behavioral health services under Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS) is transferred to and shall be administered by AHCCCS. We are in the process of transferring all pertinent documents to AHCCCS.

UPDATES AND REVISIONS TO THE AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL (AMPM)

To view the policies and attachments, please access the following link:

AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL (AMPM)

CHAPTER 300, POLICY 320-O, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND TREATMENT/SERVICE PLANNING

Former DBHS Policy 105, Service Planning and Assessments was merged, revised and composed into AMPM 320-O. Major revisions include clarification on assessments conducted by, and outside of, the behavioral health home and applicability to include ALTCS E/PD Contractors. Policy language was refined and clarified, and relevant definitions included.

Post Tribal Consultation Notice/Public Comment period changes to Policy 320-O:

- The definition of Behavioral Health Professional was adopted from A.A.C. R9-10-101, aligned with Contract, and reformatted for clarity and now reads:
 - a. An individual licensed under A.R.S. Title 32, Chapter 33, whose scope of practice allows the individual to:
 - i. Independently engage in the practice of behavioral health as defined in A.R.S. § 32-3251; or
 - ii. Except for a licensed substance abuse technician, engage in the practice of behavioral health as defined in A.R.S. § 32-3251 under direct supervision as defined in A.A.C. R4-6-101;
 - b. A psychiatrist as defined in A.R.S. § 36-501;
 - c. A psychologist as defined in A.R.S. § 32-2061;

- d. A physician;
 - e. A behavior analyst as defined in A.R.S. § 32-2091;
 - f. A registered nurse practitioner licensed as an adult psychiatric and mental health nurse; or
 - g. A registered nurse.
- The ASAM reference in Policy is removed and will be addressed at a later date; licensing cost and copyright issues will be evaluated before mandating providers utilize this particular instrument.

The effective date for this policy will is 10/05/2017.

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None at this time.