DATE: June 03, 2020
To: Holders of the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual
From: DHCM Contracts and Policy
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.

Information Regarding COVID-19
In response to Medicaid-related questions from providers and contractors arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, AHCCCS has developed a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) which is updated regularly. It is important to note that there are instances where the information presented in the COVID-19 FAQs does not align with provisions set forth by the AMPM. In these instances the FAQs take precedence and are controlling.

Updates and Revisions to the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)

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AMPM Policy 310-I, Home Health Services

AMPM Policy 310-I was revised to incorporate appropriate language from AMPM Policy 1240-G regarding home health services and to align with A.R.S. §36-2939. Definitions were updated and Policy was reformatted for better flow.

AMPM Policy 1240-G, Private Duty Nursing

AMPM Policy 1240-G had a title change, was previously named ‘Home Health Services’. Policy was reorganized and revised to address an ALTCS benefit of Private Duty Nursing Services. Any applicable information related to Home Health Services was removed and has been incorporated into AMPM 310-I, Home Health Services. Policy was also revised to align with A.R.S. 36-2939.

○ Attachment A, Medical Supplies Included in FFS Home Health Nursing Visits

No changes.
ATTACHMENT B, INTERMITTENT AND CONTINUOUS SKILLED NURSING SERVICES

Attachment B had a title change, was previously named, “Home Health Skilled Nursing Services”. No other changes.

POST TRIBAL CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES:

AMPM Policy 1240-G, Attachment B was revised to further clarify original changes after being posted for Tribal Consultation Notification/Public Comment on January 17, 2020.

APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

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

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AMPM POLICY 541, COORDINATION OF CARE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

AMPM Policy 541 was revised to address integration of behavioral health services into the DCS/CMDP Program effective October 1, 2020 (RFP #BPM001873).

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

AMPM Approved Not Yet Effective

AMPM POLICY 310-B, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICE BENEFIT

See Revision Memo dated 03/02/20 for summary of changes.

AMPM POLICY 965, COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCIES

See Revision Memo dated 03/02/19 for summary of changes.

AMPM POLICY 1200, RESERVED

See Revision Memo dated 02/12/20 for summary of changes.