



CMO Update

September 11, 2019



Topics

- Quality Strategy updates
- ASAM Modifier overview/background
- Telehealth updates

Quality Strategy

- Contract year (CY) 2018 calculations
- CY19 and beyond
- National landscape
- TI provider measures (excel spreadsheet)

ASAM



Project Overview

- Contract Requirement - Contractors shall utilize the [American Society of Addiction Medicine](#) (ASAM) 3rd edition assessment tool when assessing AHCCCS adult members for substance use disorders
- [ASAM CONTINUUM](#)[®] - Provides entire treatment team with a **computerized clinical standard decision support system** for assessing members with substance use disorders and co-occurring conditions

Project Goals

- Improve treatment outcomes
- Increase proper level of care placement
- All substance abuse treatment providers to implement by end of Summer 2020

U9 Modifier

- Additional reimbursement amount of \$28.30 for each ASAM CONTINUUM[®] assessment
- Procedure codes H0001, H0031, 90791, and 90792

AZ WITS

- AHCCCS acquired the web based platform with SABG grant funding
- AZ WITS is developed by FEI Systems
- Provides access to ASAM CONTINUUM[®] without modifying EHR system
- Provider must purchase ASAM CONTINUUM[®] subscription through FEI Systems
- Not integrated with provider EHR
 - System allows for assessments to be downloaded

ASAM CONTINUUM[®] with AZ WITS

- ASAM is providing discounted subscription rates for **3 years** to AHCCCS providers who **utilize the AZ WITS platform**
- Purchase subscription within 30 days of training and receive 50% subscription discount - \$420
- Providers must complete training prior to purchasing subscription through FEI Systems
- Providers that integrate the assessment into their EHR system **will not receive** discounted rate

Provider Choice

- Providers can choose to integrate the ASAM CONTINUUM[®] into their EHR system
- They will need to work directly with their EHR vendor
- Provider pays for EHR integration cost
- No ASAM subscription discount
- Can still use U9 Modifier

Information

- ASAM AHCCCS Webpage
 - <https://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/CurrentProviders/ASAM.html>
- [Contractor Memo](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- Technical Assistance – ASAM@AHCCCS.GOV

AZ WITS Roll Out

August 2019						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2019						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12

- AHCCCS training site available
- FEI will review the site with the AHCCCS staff who will be doing User Acceptance Testing
- AHCCCS staff will conduct User Acceptance Testing
- AHCCCS staff will create production administrators accounts for RBHA staff
- AZ WITS ASAM CONTINUUM[®] trainings
 - 9/10 - Tucson & WebEx
 - 9/11 - Phoenix
 - 9/12 - Flagstaff
- AZ WITS Go Live for providers

On-Going Training

- September training will be recorded and posted
- In-person training with WebEx scheduled for December 16th in Phoenix

AHCCCS Telehealth Policies: Anticipated Changes for 10/1/19



Telehealth Updates

- AMPM 320-I currently out for public comment (deadline 9-28-19)

Global approach to Telehealth Coverage

1. Broadening of POS allowable for distant and originating sites (including home)
2. Broadening of coverage for telemedicine (real time, remote patient monitoring) and asynchronous
3. No rural vs. metro limitations
4. MCOs retain their ability to manage network and leverage telehealth strategies as they determine appropriate
5. GT modifier required for real time, interactive audio video communications + POS for originating site

AMPM 320-I Telehealth and Telemedicine

Current

- Telehealth definition

Anticipated
for 10/1/19

- Telehealth to be utilized as umbrella term to describe telemedicine, teledentistry, and asynchronous technologies

AMPM 320-I Telehealth and Telemedicine

Current

- Real-time telemedicine limited to 17 disciplines

Anticipated
for 10/1/19

- No restrictions on disciplines

AMPM 320-I Telehealth and Telemedicine

Current

- Contains high level informed consent requirements

Anticipated
for 10/1/19

- Defers to statute and other policies re: informed consent requirements

AMPM 320-I Telehealth and Telemedicine

Current

- Contains high level confidentiality requirements

Anticipated
for 10/1/19

- Defers to statute and other policies re: confidentiality requirements for telehealth

AMPM 320-I Telehealth and Telemedicine

Current

- Asynchronous covered in very limited circumstances

Anticipated
for 10/1/19

- Asynchronous coverage limited to:
- Dermatology
- Radiology
- Ophthalmology
- Pathology
- Neurology
- Cardiology
- Behavioral Health

AMPM 320-I Telehealth and Telemedicine

Current

- Teledentistry

Anticipated
for 10/1/19

- No changes anticipated

AMPM 320-I Telehealth and Telemedicine

Current

- Telemonitoring limited to CHF

Anticipated
for 10/1/19

- No restrictions on telemonitoring



Telehealth Training Manual: Plan for retirement



AHCCCS Telehealth Training Manual

Current

- NEMT covered to originating site

Anticipated
for 10/1/19

- No change in NEMT coverage (ie, continues to be covered to originating site)

AHCCCS Telehealth Training Manual

Current

- The following POS are listed as the available originating and distant sites:
- IHS clinic
- Tribally-governed 638 facility
- Urban clinic for Native Americans
- Practitioner Office
- Hospital
- Federally qualified health center (FQHC)

Anticipated
for 10/1/19

- Broadening of POS, including home

AHCCCS Telehealth Training Manual

Current

- Attachment A with specific codes that have GT and GQ modifiers and radiological global services (26, TC) as of 1/20/11

Anticipated
for 10/1/19

- Retiring Attachment A
- All telehealth coding information on AHCCCS coding resources link

Resources

- AHCCCS Coding Page
 - <https://www.azahcccs.gov/PlansProviders/MedicalCodingResources.html>
- Coding Questions: Email-
 - CodingPolicyQuestions@azahcccs.gov

