

DATE: May 16, 2023,
TO: Holders of the AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual
FROM: DHCS Contracts and Policy
SUBJECT: AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual (ACOM)

This memo describes additions and/or revisions to the ACOM. For questions regarding policy updates email the Contracts and Policy Unit at: DHCMContractsandPolicy@azahcccs.gov.

NAME CHANGE

Effective April 1, 2021, Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program (CMDP) changed to Comprehensive Health Plan (CHP) due to Behavioral health integration. Refer to Laws 2019, 1st Regular Session. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent documents to reflect the new name.

CONTRACT NAME CHANGE

Effective October 1, 2022, the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) for the Managed Care Organizations was aligned with the Competitive Contract Expansion YH20-0002 to expand the provision of services for the awarded ACC-RBHA Contractors. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent documents to reflect this change.

AHCCCS CONTRACT AND POLICY DICTIONARY AND AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS

To view the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary, please access the following link:

[AHCCCS CONTRACT AND POLICY DICTIONARY](#)

The AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary provides a centralized location for definitions that are utilized in various ACOM and AMPM Policies. A hyperlink to the location of the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary has been added to applicable policies. AHCCCS is in the process of adding an area within the Definition Section of all policies that identifies terms used/referenced in that policy to encourage viewing of the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary to better understand how AHCCCS defines the word or term. However, some policies have specific terms/definitions that may have a slightly different meaning for that respective Policy; those terms/definitions will remain in the Policy and will include a statement indicating 'For purposes of this Policy only'.

To view the AHCCCS Related Acronyms, please access the following link:

[AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS](#)

UPDATES AND REVISIONS TO THE AHCCCS CONTRACTOR OPERATIONS MANUAL (ACOM)

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ACOM POLICY 330 – ACCESS TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES INITIATIVE

ACOM Policy 330 was revised to remove “to designated hospitals” from the definition of Access to Professional Services Initiative (APSI) Eligible Encounters and to add a reference to the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary. Section II. Definitions was revised to include a common terms table.

ACOM POLICY 426 – CHILDREN’S REHABILITATIVE SERVICES (CRS) APPLICATION, DESIGNATION, AND COVERAGE

ACOM Policy 426 was revised to align with Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program (CMDP) changing to Comprehensive Health Plan (CHP) due to behavioral health integration; refer to Laws 2019, 1st Regular Session. Policy was also aligned with the Competitive Contract Expansion YH20-0002 to expand the provision of services for the awarded ACC Contractors. Additional revisions include minor formatting and restructuring for logical flow. Section II. Definitions was revised to include a common terms table.

NEWLY ADDED TO APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

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ACOM POLICY 327 – PEDIATRIC SERVICES INITIATIVE

ACOM Policy 327 was revised to align with 438.6(c) State Directed Payment Preprint. Section II. Definitions was revised to include a common terms table.

Implementation Date 10/01/23.