

320-M MEDICAL MARIJUANA

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I. PURPOSE

This Policy applies to AHCCCS Complete Care (ACC), ALTCS/EPD, DCS/CMDP (CMDP), DES/DDD (DDD), and RBHA Contractors; Fee-For-Services (FFS) Programs as delineated within this Policy including: Tribal ALTCS, TRBHA, the American Indian Health Program (AIHP); and all FFS populations, excluding Federal Emergency Services (FES). (For FES, see AMPM Chapter 1100). This Policy establishes requirements for the use of Medical Marijuana.

II. DEFINITIONS

None

III. POLICY

AHCCCS covers medically necessary federally reimbursable medications prescribed by physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, dentist or other AHCCCS approved practitioner and dispensed by a licensed AHCCCS registered pharmacy, as defined in 9 A.A.C. 22, Article 2. Under 42 CFR 440.120 Medical Marijuana does not qualify as a federally reimbursable medication.

AHCCCS does not currently cover and has never covered medical marijuana as a medical or pharmacy benefit. AHCCCS will not provide reimbursement for an office visit or any other services that are primarily for the purpose of determining if a member would benefit from Medical Marijuana.

AHCCCS recognizes that registered providers operating within the scope of their license may recommend the use of medical marijuana although it is not a covered benefit.