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TO: Holders of AHCCCS Medical Policy Manuals
FROM: Kevin Neill, Policy Manager
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SUBJECT: AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)
Update, 2013-04

Please note that the effective date of all revisions in Update 2013-04 is June 01, 2013. A summary of changes is below.

Main Table of Contents

The Main Table of Contents has been updated to list the Exhibit numbers and titles of Select ALTCS Case Management forms in Spanish (Appendix K).

Chapter 300, Policy 310-A, Audiology

Policy 310-A was assessed as part of a routine 2-year policy review. Language was added to clarify AHCCCS registration requirements for dispensing hearing aids. Wording was also changed to clarify the Federal requirements mandating the conditions under which a provider can be considered an audiologist.

Chapter 300, Policy 310-N, Laboratory

Language was inserted into Policy 310-N to indicate that all providers are required to obtain prior authorization for genetic testing. It was also stipulated that providers must include documentation showing that the genetic testing is consistent with genetic testing coverage limitations.

Chapter 300, Policy 310-Y, Respiratory Therapy

Policy 310-Y was assessed as part of a routine 2-year policy review. Verbiage was changed to be more reflective of the specifications in A.R.S. 32-3501 (5a-d).

Chapter 300, Policy 310-AA, Total Parenteral Nutrition

Policy 310-AA underwent a routine 2-year policy review to ensure that the policy conforms to current laws and regulations. Language was deleted to remove any conflict with the definition of Total Parental Nutrition, while wording was added to aid AMPM users in locating information on parental versus total parental nutrition for EPSDT and KidsCare Members.

Chapter 300, Policy 310-DD, Covered Transplants and Immunosuppressant Medications

Policy 310-DD was reviewed and language changed to indicate more clearly Relative versus Absolute Contraindications.