DATE: December 19, 2016

TO: Holders of the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual

FROM: Contracts and Policy Unit
               Division of Health Care Management, AHCCCS

SUBJECT: AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM) - December

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 .

PLEASE NOTE: Arizona Law 2015, Chapter 19 Section 9 (SB 1480) enacts that from and after June 30, 2016 the provisions of behavioral health services under Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS) is transferred to and shall be administered by AHCCCS. We are in the process of transferring all pertinent documents to AHCCCS.

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

To view the policies and attachments, please access the following link:

AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL (AMPM)

APPENDIX A, EPSDT AND ADULT QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT INSTRUCTIONS & TEMPLATES

Appendix A was updated to accommodate changes in 2016 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and 2017 HEDIS Measurement Standards, plus additional monitoring of standards for CMDP. There have been many substantial changes to the Acute, ALTCS/EPD, CMDP, DDD, and Behavioral Health SMI templates including, the tabs within each template worksheet. Please note at this time the 2017 CRS or GMH/SA templates are not yet available.

1.) The general instructions tab has additional process information as well as red font added for emphasis;
2.) The specific instructions tab has modified instructions under the EPSDT section (green) as well as changes in instructions for all of the HEDIS or CMS methodologies; there is also a complete new set of measures "reserved status"; each set of instructions is color matched to the corresponding performance measure template sections.
3.) The template tab has new measures, changes in instructions and basic methodology plus a the "reserved" status measures