

**DATE:** April 15, 2021  
**TO:** Holders of the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual  
**FROM:** DHCM Contracts and Policy  
**SUBJECT:** AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)

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](mailto:DHCMContractsandPolicy@azahcccs.gov).

### **Information Regarding COVID-19**

In response to Medicaid-related questions from providers and contractors arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, AHCCCS has developed a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) which is updated regularly. It is important to note that there are instances where the information presented in the CMS-approved flexibilities and COVID-19 FAQs does not align with provisions set forth by the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM). In these instances, the CMS-approved flexibilities and FAQs take precedence and are controlling.

### **NAME CHANGE**

Effective April 1, 2021 Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program (CMDP) will be changing to Comprehensive Health Plan (CHP). AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent documents to reflect the new name.

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### **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 \(AMPM\)](#)**

Pursuant to Laws 2019, 1st Regular Session, Chapter 305, behavioral health services for children in DCS custody were anticipated to transition from the RBHA Contractors to DCS/CMDP. However, this implementation has been delayed. Revisions that have already been completed for ACOM and AMPM Policies and Attachment(s), related to this anticipated integration [**listed in document provided below**], will remain in the impacted policies but will not be applicable until such time that CMDP behavioral health service integration the anticipated implemented will be April 01, 2021. All the revisions unrelated to the integration of behavioral health services for CMDP members; will continue to be effective October 01, 2020.

[https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/ACOM/NotEffective/Policies\\_CMDP\\_Integration\\_Changes\\_To\\_Publish.pdf](https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/ACOM/NotEffective/Policies_CMDP_Integration_Changes_To_Publish.pdf)

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**UPDATES AND REVISIONS TO THE AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL (AMPM)****AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL (AMPM)****AMPM POLICY 320-P, SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION**

AMPM 320-P has been revised to apply name change for CMDP from Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program to Comprehensive Health Plan (CHP) effective April 1, 2021 due to CHP behavioral health integration. Refer to Laws 2019, 1st Regular Session. No substantive changes, only minor formatting and grammatical changes were made throughout the Policy.

- **ATTACHMENT A - SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION FORM**

No changes.

- **ATTACHMENT B - SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS QUALIFYING DIAGNOSIS**

No changes.

- **ATTACHMENT C - ADMINISTRATIVE SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS DECERTIFICATION FORM**

No changes.

**AMPM EXHIBIT 1620-6, HIGH COST BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REINSURANCE FORM**

AMPM Exhibit 1620-6, High Cost Behavioral Health Reinsurance Form, has been revised to clarify content of information being requested. Authorization dates were also added to emphasize required information needed for processing.

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*Please note that as a result of the current Public Health Emergency the implementation of the new Person-Centered Service Plan (PCSP) Tool and process has been postponed. AHCCCS intends to postpone PCSP. Contractors and Tribal ALTCS Programs are not required to implement the PCSP requirements noted in this policy until further notification.*

**AMPM POLICY 1610, GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND COMPONENTS OF ALTCS CASE MANAGEMENT**

See Revision Memo dated 08/03/20 for summary of changes.  
*Implementation Date Upon Publishing.*

**AMPM POLICY 1620-A, INITIAL CONTACT VISIT STANDARD**

See Revision Memo dated 08/03/20 for summary of changes.  
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**AMPM POLICY 1620-B, NEEDS ASSESSMENT CARE PLANNING STANDARD**

See Revision Memo dated 08/03/20 for summary of changes.  
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**AMPM POLICY 1620-D, PLACEMENT SERVICE PLANNING STANDARD**

See Revision Memo dated 08/14/20 for summary of changes.  
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**AMPM POLICY 1620-E, SERVICE PLAN MONITORING AND REASSESSMENT STANDARD**

See Revision Memo dated 08/03/20 for summary of changes.  
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**AMPM EXHIBIT 1620-13, RESERVED**

See Revision Memo dated 07/01/20 for summary of changes.  
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**AMPM EXHIBIT 1620-14, RESERVED**

See Revision Memo dated 11/03/20 for summary of changes.  
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**AMPM EXHIBIT 1620-17, HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES NEEDS TOOL GUIDELINES**

See Revision Memo dated 01/11/21 for summary of changes.  
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**AMPM EXHIBIT 1620-10, AHCCCS PERSON CENTERED SERVICE PLAN**

See Revision Memo dated 04/01/21 for summary of changes.  
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