

DATE: June 17, 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.

[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) 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.

[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 \(AMPM\)](#)

[AMPM POLICY 320-T1 - BLOCK GRANTS AND DISCRETIONARY GRANTS](#)

AMPM Policy 320-T1 has been revised to reflect a July 1, 2020 retroactive updates for Mental Health Block Grant Funds for payment of behavioral health drugs for individuals designated as SMI (Both Title XIX/XXI and Non-Title XIX/XXI). Additionally, language was moved from ACOM Policy 201 Medicare Cost Sharing for members Covered by Medicare and Medicaid. Added clarification language to ensure the Contractor's Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) plan parameters do not interfere with the coordination of benefits of the Medicare Part D prescription (Rx) Claim. Also, changing from behavioral health medications to medications to

treat behavioral health diagnoses so that medications which are not a psychotropic medication are included for pharmacy coordination of payment. For example, a medication to treat an extrapyramidal side effect (EPS) is not a psychotropic but is used to treat the side effect of the behavioral health medication causing the EPS.

Policy 320-T1 has a retroactive effective date of 07/01/20.

AMPM POLICY 320-T2 - NON-TITLE XIX/XXI SERVICES AND FUNDING (EXCLUDING BLOCK GRANTS AND DISCRETIONARY GRANTS)

AMPM Policy 320-T2 has been revised to reflect 07/01/20 retroactive updates for funding sources for copayments and cost sharing of behavioral health drugs for individuals designated with a Serious Mental Illness (both Title XIX/XXI and Non-Title XIX/XXI). Language from ACOM 201 Medicare Cost Sharing for members Covered by Medicare and Medicaid was moved into AMPM Policy 320-T2 to add clarification language to ensure Managed Care Organization (MCO) Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) plan parameters do not interfere with the Coordination of Benefits (COB) of the Medicare Part D Rx Claim. Also, changing from behavioral health medications to medications to treat behavioral health diagnoses so that medications which are not a psychotropic medication are included for pharmacy coordination of payment. For example, a medication to treat an Extrapyramidal Side effect (EPS) is not a psychotropic but is used to treat the side effect of the behavioral health medication causing the EPS.

Policy has a retroactive effective date of 07/01/20.

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[AHCCCS CONTRACTOR OPERATIONS MANUAL \(AMPM\)](#)

AMPM POLICY 320-U - PRE-PETITION SCREENING, COURT ORDERED EVALUATION AND COURT ORDERED TREATMENT

AMPM Policy 320-U 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. Change made throughout Policy and Attachments. Clarification for American Indian members with regards to jurisdiction applicability regarding court orders.

Implementation Date 10/1/21.

○ **ATTACHMENT A – RESERVED**

Attachment A was Reserved.

Implementation Date 10/1/21.

○ **ATTACHMENT B - A.R.S. § 12-136 FLOW CHART, RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL COURT ORDER PROCESS**

No Changes

Implementation Date 10/1/21.

POST TRIBAL CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES:

After being posted for Tribal Consultation Notification and Public Comment on 04/09/21, grammatical edits were done throughout the policy and additional clarification was added for clarity.

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

AMPM POLICY 310-BB – TRANSPORTATION

See Revision Memo dated 06/01/21 for summary of changes.

Implementation Date 10/01/21.

AMPM POLICY 310-P - MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, MEDICAL APPLIANCES, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES

See Revision Memo dated 05/03/21 for summary of changes.

Implementation Date 10/01/21.

AMPM POLICY 520 – MEMBER TRANSITIONS

See Revision Memo dated 06/02/21 for summary of changes.

Implementation Date 10/01/21.

AMPM POLICY 950 – CREDENTIALING AND RE-CREDENTIALING PROCESSES

See Revision Memo dated 06/01/21 for summary of changes.

Implementation Date 10/01/21.