

DATE: May 02, 2022
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 602-417-4055 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) changed 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.

AHCCCS CONTRACT AND POLICY DICTIONARY AND AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS

To view the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary from our Guides and Manuals site, please access the following link:

AHCCCS CONTRACT AND POLICY DICTIONARY

Consistent with the Arizona Management System (AMS) principles to streamline processes and provide consistency in Policy Development, the Contract and Policy Unit has developed a new *AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary*. The Dictionary provides a centralized location for definitions that are currently found in the various ACOM and AMPM Policies. The Contract and Policy Dictionary can be found on the AHCCCS website under Resources – Guides-Manuals-Policies. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent policies to remove definitions and adding a hyperlink to the location of the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary. Some policies have specific terms/definitions that may have a slightly different meaning for that respective Policy only; those terms/definitions will remain in the Policy and will include a statement indicating the term/definition is applicable 'For purposes of this Policy only'.

To view the AHCCCS Related Acronyms, please access the following link:

AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS

Common AHCCCS Related Acronyms can be found on the AHCCCS website under AHCCCS Info – About Us.

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 EXHIBIT 400-3 - AHCCCS MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH/EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSTIC, AND TREATMENT MEMBER OUTREACH

AMPM Exhibit 400-3 has been revised and reformatted to update and align language with AMPM Chapter 400 policies, ACOM Policy 406 and 431, the Arizona State Plan, and recommendations from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Additionally, several areas were updated to address issues noted since its last publishing, as well as to align with AHCCCS integration efforts.

POST TRIBAL CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES:

AMPM Exhibit 400-3 was revised to further clarify original changes after being posted for Tribal Consultation Notification and Public Comment on 02/22/22.

NEWLY ADDED TO APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

[AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual \(AMPM\)](#)

AMPM POLICY 310-C – BREAST RECONSTRUCTION AFTER MASTECTOMY

AMPM Policy 310-C was revised to align with the Competitive Contract Expansion YH20-0002 for the awarded ACC Contractors.

Implementation Date 10/01/22.

AMPM POLICY 310-J – HOSPICE SERVICES

AMPM Policy 310-J was revised to align with the Competitive Contract Expansion YH20-0002 to expand the provision of services for the awarded ACC Contractors. Additional formatting and grammatical edits were made to align with policy standards.

Implementation Date 10/01/22.

APPROVED NOT YET EFFECTIVE

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None at this time.