

DATE: October 29, 2024
TO: Holders of the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual
FROM: DMCO Contracts and Policy
SUBJECT: AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)

This memo describes additions and/or revisions to the AMPM. For questions regarding policy updates email the Contracts and Policy Unit at: DHCMContractsandPolicy@azahcccs.gov.

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.

DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TRIBAL HEALTH PROGRAM (DDD THP)

Effective April 1, 2022, The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Tribal Health Program (THP) that is the Fee-For-Service health plan which administers physical health, behavioral health, and Long-Term care Services and Supports (LTSS) for DDD-THP enrolled American Indian/Alaska Native members. responsibility for managing acute Physical/Behavioral Health/Children's Rehabilitative Services (CRS), and THP members with a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) designation was transitioned to AHCCCS. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent documents to reflect this new change.

CONTRACT NAME CHANGE

Effective October 1, 2022, the Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) for the Managed Care Organization was aligned with the Competitive Contract Expansion YH20-0002 to expand the provision of services for the awarded ACC-RBHA Contractors. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent documents to reflect this change.

SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT

Effective May 1, 2024, The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) finalized the rule that prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent documents to remove symbols and periods from various Federal and State citations to ensure accessibility for all individuals in compliance with [Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act](#).

AHCCCS NEW AGENCY STRUCTURE

Effective May 3, 2024, AHCCCS unveiled a new Agency structure. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent documents to reflect the new Division titles. For complete details related to the new Agency structure, please see the press release found on the AHCCCS website under [News & Press Releases](#).

CONTRACT AND POLICY DICTIONARY AND AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS

To view the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary, please access the following link:

[AHCCCS CONTRACT AND POLICY DICTIONARY](#)

Effective August 2, 2021, AHCCCS created a Dictionary that provides a centralized location for definitions that are utilized in various ACOM and AMPM Policies. A hyperlink to the location of the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary will be added to applicable policies. AHCCCS is in the process of adding an area within the Definition Section of all policies that identifies but is not limited to some common terms used/referenced in that policy to encourage viewing of the AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary to better understand how AHCCCS defines the word or term. There are instances when some policies have specific terms/definitions that may have a slightly different meaning for that respective Policy; those terms/definitions will remain in the Policy and will include a statement indicating 'For purposes of this Policy only'. AHCCCS is in the process of revising all pertinent documents to reflect this change.

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

[AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS](#)

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

AMPM POLICY 410 – MATERNITY CARE SERVICES

AMPM Policy 410 was revised to add the requirements for the following newly covered services: group prenatal care, doula services, and human donor milk. Policy had minor formatting and grammatical edits for clarity.

ATTACHMENT A - SEMIANNUAL REPORT OF NUMBER OF PREGNANT WOMEN WHO ARE HIV-AIDS POSITIVE

Attachment A had no changes.

ATTACHMENT B - AHCCCS REQUEST FOR STILLBIRTH SUPPLEMENT

Attachment B was revised to align with Policy to clarify the Ballard Assessment is to determine physical maturity of the infant (confirming a gestational age of at least 24 0/7 weeks).

ATTACHMENT C - AHCCCS CERTIFICATE OF NECESSITY FOR PREGNANCY TERMINATION

Attachment C was revised to align with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; removed periods and statute symbols in ARS references.

ATTACHMENT D - AHCCCS VERIFICATION OF DIAGNOSIS BY CONTRACTOR FOR A PREGNANCY TERMINATION

Attachment D had no changes.

ATTACHMENT E - AHCCCS PREGNANCY TERMINATION REPORT

Attachment E had minor grammatical edits.

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

[**AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL \(AMPM\)**](#)