



IHS 638 Quarterly Forum

Reimbursement Update

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Reinstatement: Coverage of Podiatry Services Performed by a Licensed Podiatrist

- Effective for service dates on and after October 1, 2016 AHCCCS covers medically necessary podiatry services for adults age 21 and older when both of the following conditions are met:
 - Podiatry services are provided by a licensed podiatrist; and
 - Podiatry services are ordered by a recipient's primary care provider, attending physician or primary care practitioner.
- Prior Authorization and billing requirements will be included in the FFS and the IHS/Tribal Provider Billing Manual chapter updates in October.

Reinstatement: ALTCS Dental Benefit

- Restoration of the ALTCS Dental Benefit was approved (HB 2704) in the 2016 Legislative Session. The updated policy is effective 10/1/2016.
- Coverage is prospective; that is for dates of service on and after 10/1/16.
- Highlights of the ALTCS Dental Benefit are:
 - For ALTCS members age 21 years and older and at risk for institutional level of care
 - Benefit limit up to \$1,000.00 per contract year
 - Contract year is defined as 10/1 through 9/30
 - Benefit coverage is member-specific and remains with the member if transferring between MCO's or between FFS and managed care
 - Unused benefits will not roll over into the next contract year
 - Reimbursement is subject to the Dental FFS Rates and Codes
 - General anesthesia is included as part of the \$1,000 benefit limit per contract year

Reinstatement: ALTCS Dental Benefit (Continued)

- The AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM), the FFS and the IHS/Tribal Provider Billing Manuals will be updated to reflect the reinstated benefit.
- Refer to the AHCCCS website at:
- <https://www.azahcccs.gov/shared/Downloads/ALTCSDentalFactSheet.pdf>

Payment for Non-Covered Services; Payment Methodology Update

- The Payment for Non-Covered Services Waiver was designed to make payments to IHS and tribal 638 facilities for services to AHCCCS enrolled individuals, that the State removed from the Medicaid state plan effective October 1,2010.
- Emergency dental services for adults is the only remaining benefit which has not been restored.
- “During the waiver process, it became clear that the necessary review to the waiver proposal could not be completed within the remaining time to meet the 10-1 deadline.”
- AHCCCS informed CMS that restoration of the emergency dental benefit was part of its budget request for SFY18 and that, considering the timing, it would be best to ensure approval of the existing authority and revisit the proposed changes should AHCCCS not be successful in restoring the benefit during the 2017 legislative session.

Questions?



Thank You.

