

AHCCCS RESTORES COVERAGE OF TRANSPLANTS FOR ADULTS

Dear Member,

On April 6, 2011 Governor Brewer signed Senate Bill 1619 which restores AHCCCS coverage of transplants that were eliminated for adults on October 1, 2010. **Beginning April 1, 2011**, AHCCCS will cover and pay for the restored transplants for members age 21 years and older. This means that the AHCCCS Administration and its health plans will cover the following transplants on and after April 1, 2011:

- Pancreas Transplants after a Kidney Transplant
- Liver Transplants for Members with Hepatitis C
- Allogeneic Unrelated Hematopoietic Cell Transplants
- Heart Transplants for Non-ischemic Cardiomyopathies
- Lung Transplants
- Heart Lung Transplants

These restored transplants for adults are in addition to the other transplants that are already covered. AHCCCS also covers ALL medically necessary (non experimental) transplants for members under the age of 21. If you have been told that you need a transplant but AHCCCS doesn't cover it, please call your doctor right away.

Pancreas-only transplants, partial pancreas transplants, and islet cell transplants are still not covered by AHCCCS. These transplants have never been covered under AHCCCS policies.

AHCCCS posted a draft rule to cover the restored transplants on April 6, 2011. The public has 30 days to comment on the draft rule but the restored transplants will still be covered by AHCCCS beginning April 1, 2011. Comments must be received by 5 PM on May 6, 2011. Comments can be sent to:

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For more information about transplants and AHCCCS benefits, please call your health plan or visit the AHCCCS website at www.ahcccs.gov.