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DATE: December 30, 2013
TO: Holders of AHCCCS Medical Policy Manuals
FROM: Kevin Neill, Policy Manager
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SUBJECT: AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)
Update, 2013-09

Revisions or reviews were made to the following:

Chapter 300, Policy 310-M (Immunizations)

Effective Date 01/01/14

- AMPM Policy 310-M has been updated to expand the covered age of the HPV vaccine through age 26. This is necessary in order to comply with the Essential Health Benefit requirements as specified in the Affordable Care Act.

Chapter 300, Policy 310-P (Medical Supplies, DME, Orthotic/Prosthetic Devices)

Effective Date 12/01/13

- AMPM Policy 310-P has been updated to remove the word “dentist” from the policy. The Durable Medical Equipment and orthotic/prosthetic device policy allowed orders to be given by a dentist. Dentists do not prescribe or order DME, orthotics or prosthetics.

Chapter 300, Policy 310-Z (Sleep Studies [Polysomnography])

Effective Date 12/01/13

- The proposed changes to AMPM Policy 310-Z are related to recent research that supports Home Sleep Tests (HST) and their associated diagnostic accuracy of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome (OSAS) in adults. Due to the high cost of laboratory-based polysomnographs (PSG) and relatively long wait times, HST has grown in popularity. CMS has also expanded its coverage (i.e., Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) is covered for persons diagnosed with OSAS using several types of HST). Consequently, optional coverage for HST by AHCCCS is proposed.