

**DATE:** June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
**TO:** Holders of the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual  
**FROM:** DHCS 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](mailto: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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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)**

The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Tribal Health Program (THP) 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. Effective April 01, 2022, 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.

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### **AHCCCS 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](#)**

The AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary 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 has been added to all policies found in both the ACOM and AMPM. AHCCCS is in the process of adding an area within the Definition Section of all policies that identifies 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. However, 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'.

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

[AHCCCS RELATED ACRONYMS](#)

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

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

**AMPM POLICY 310-F - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

AMPM Policy 310-F was revised for a general 5-year review. Major revisions include clarifying the Policy does not apply to Federal Emergency Services (FES) Program, updated language for TRBHA and AIHP members as it pertains to education regarding utilization of emergency services and included a reference to the location of the AHCCCS Handbook for members of the American Indian Health Program (AIHP) and/or Tribal Regional Behavioral Health Authorities.

**AMPM POLICY 440 - KIDSCARE**

AMPM Policy 440 was revised to update the definition of KidsCare to align with CMS approval to increase KidsCare eligibility for children up to 225% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).