

Benefit Changes

7th Special Session

Restructured ARS § 36-2907

- Previously non-covered services moved to a new sub-section (36-2907(B)), including
 - Newborn circumcision
 - Outpatient speech and occupational therapy for adults
 - Hearing aids and dentures for adults
- In addition, the legislature eliminated certain benefits for AHCCCS members 21 years of age and older

New Adult Benefit Exclusions

- Insulin Pumps
- Percussive Vests
- Orthotics
- Bone Anchored Hearing Aids (BAHAs)
- Cochlear Implants
- Emergency Dental Services
- Podiatry services performed by podiatrists (foot and ankle procedures covered when provided by other medical specialists)

New Adult Benefit Exclusions

- Well-person Exams not covered
 - **But**, mammograms, PAP smears and colonoscopies remain covered services
- Prosthetics **may** be limited to \$12,500
 - Microprocessor controlled limbs will not be covered, but no dollar limit at this time
- Durable Medical Equipment will be limited to those items covered by Medicare
 - CMS will not approve this benefit change

Excluded Transplants

- Pancreas Only Transplants
- Pancreas-After-Kidney Transplants
- Lung Transplants
- Allogeneic unrelated hematopoietic cell (bone marrow) transplants
- Liver Transplants for Hepatitis C
- Heart transplants for non-ischemic cardiomyopathy (ischemic cardiomyopathies remain covered conditions for transplants)

Future Benefit Reductions

- Bariatric Surgery after October 1, 2011
 - CMS will not approve this benefit change
- Non-emergency Transportation—if CMS gives approval, the statute requires elimination of non-emergency transportation provided to certain eligible members in Maricopa and Pima Counties
- Limits on physical therapy services—not part of the statutory changes, but AHCCCS will limit this to 15 visits per year

Implementation Dates

- Technically these benefit changes take effect as of June 15th (90 days after the 7th Special Session Sine Die)
- Some benefit reductions/eliminations require approval by CMS (SPA or waiver)
- AHCCCS will coordinate with CMS regarding the changes requiring approval
- Current plan is to implement all changes on October 1st