



## **APEP Changes - March 2025**

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#### What is Changing?

Pursuant to Section 5123 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) AHCCCS is required to add elements to its provider directory by July 2025:

- which accommodations the provider's office or facility provides for individuals with physical disabilities, including offices, exam rooms, and equipment (previously required via regulation for managed care programs);
- the Internet website of such provider, if applicable (previously required at the option of the state for FFS
  programs and primary care case management systems and required via regulation for managed care
  programs);
- whether the provider offers covered services via telehealth;
- whether the provider is accepting new Medicaid or CHIP patients (previously only required for primary care case management systems and at the option of state for FFS programs, and required via regulation for managed care programs);
- adding American Sign Language to the linguistic capabilities



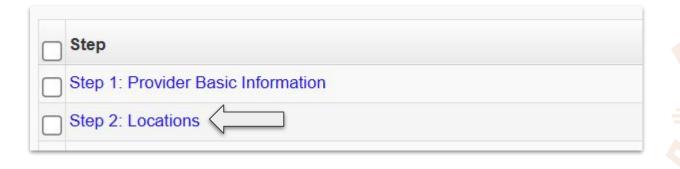
#### **AHCCCS Changes**

As a result of the Federal requirement, AHCCCS reviewed the APEP system and determined the following updates would be needed in APEP:

Enhancement	Implementation date
Addition of American Sign Language  If the provider is accepting new  Medicaid/CHIP patients	February 2, 2025
If the provider offers telemedicine, in person or both service types	March 16, 2025
Accommodations for patients with disabilities	April 27, 2025



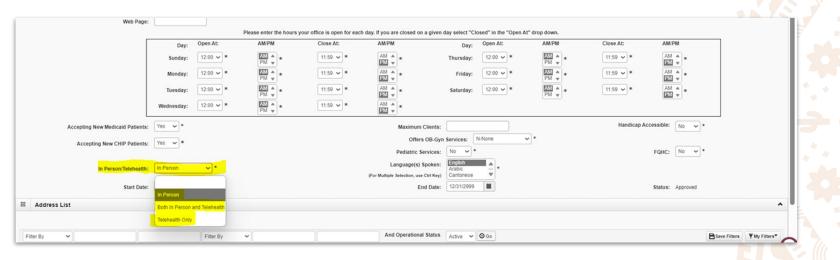
American Sign Language and Accepting Patients







### **Telemedicine/In Person Services**





Accommodations for Patients with Disabilities







# **Provider Expectations**



#### **Provider Expectations Q&A**

Q: Do I have to update my APEP locations immediately to stay enrolled?

A: No, you do not have to make changes in APEP now to remain enrolled. Providers are strongly encouraged to make updates to their locations prior to July 2025, when the new AHCCCS Provider Directory is published.



#### **Provider Expectations Q&A**

Q: I am a credentialist/administrative professional who enrolls providers on behalf of my company. What if I don't know the answer to these questions?

A: When a credentialist or other organization employee who is NOT the provider is updating the provider's profile, that credentialist would be responsible for working with the provider directly to get the information to answer the questions to the best of their abilities. The provider should be aware of what accommodations are available for each location where they are providing services.



### **Provider Expectations Q&A**

Q: I have added an end-date to a location in APEP, but it is still requiring me to answer the additional questions. The provider does not work at that location anymore and we don't know the answers to the questions. What do we do?

A: AHCCCS is aware that when end dating locations, APEP is requiring the additional questions to be answered. When this occurs, the person entering the information is encouraged to answer the questions to the best of their ability. Since the location will be end-dated to indicate the provider no longer provides services at that location, it will not be displayed in the provider directory. AHCCCS is working on a solution to allow providers to bypass the additional questions when the location has an end-date.





## Other APEP changes March 2025



#### **Automated Application Denials**

Beginning March 16, 2025, APEP will begin systematically denying new enrollment applications when the application was sent back requesting additional information and not submitted within the 30 day timeline.

- The requirement to resubmit timely has always been a requirement per 42 CFR 455.416
- The enhancement is allowing the system to deny as opposed to AHCCCS staff manually instigating the denial.



Automated Application Denials - Best Practices

- Correspondence preference: E-mail
- Respond to requests from AHCCCS for additional information/corrections timely and with the requested information
- When an application is denied for failure to re-submit timely, while every provider has the right to appeal, it is often faster to submit a new application.



## **Questions?**





#### Resources

#### **Provider Enrollment Questions**

- Chat with us at, <a href="https://chat.azahcccs.gov/">https://chat.azahcccs.gov/</a>
  - Live chat is available Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM
- Call us at, (602) 417-7670.
   The call center is available Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM
- Email us at <u>apeptrainingquestions@azahcccs.gov</u>

#### **APEP Resources**

- azahcccs.gov/APEP
- What to expect when applying in APEP
- Provider Enrollment Policy Manual