

AHCCCS Benefit Changes

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Background

In response to significant fiscal challenges facing the State and substantial growth in the Medicaid population, AHCCCS will implement several changes to the adult benefit package.

Population

The changes to the benefit package will impact **all** adults 21 years and older. This includes members in the Arizona Long Term Care System and American Indians regardless of whether they receive services through managed care or fee for service.

Children under the age of 21 will continue to receive the full benefit package available under the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment program.

Effective Date and Next Steps

Benefit changes will be effective October 1, 2010. Advance notice will be provided prior to implementation of these changes. Updates will be posted to the website as they become available.

Benefit Changes:

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| • Most Dental Care | Eliminate |
| • Services provided by a Podiatrist | Eliminate |
| • Insulin Pumps | Eliminate |
| • Percussive Vests | Eliminate |
| • Bone-Anchored Hearing Aids | Eliminate |
| • Cochlear Implants | Eliminate |
| • Orthotics | Eliminate |
| • Gastric Bypass Surgery¹ | Eliminate |
| • Selected Durable Medical Equipment² | Eliminate |
| • Specified Transplants ³ | Eliminate |
| • Well exams ⁴ | Eliminate |
| • Non Emergency Medical Transportation for limited populations ⁵ | Eliminate |
| • Microprocessor-controlled: lower limbs and joints for the lower limbs | Eliminate |
| • Outpatient Physical Therapy Limit of 15 visits per contract year | Limitation |

¹ Federal requirements prohibit the elimination of this benefit

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³ Per HB 2010: Pancreas only, Pancreas after Kidney, Lung., Unrelated allogenic hematopoietic cell, Heart for non-ischemic Cardiomyopathy, Liver for Diagnosis of Hepatitis C Transplants

⁴ Visits to the doctor when there is no specific complaint and not being treated for any symptoms

⁵ Per HB 2010, limited to childless adults and spend down populations in Pima and Maricopa Counties; children and ALTCS members would **not** be impacted. Implementation is subject to prior approval by CMS.