

310-M - IMMUNIZATIONS

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I. PURPOSE

This Policy applies to ACC, ACC-RBHA, ALTCS E/PD, DCS/CHP (CHP), and DES/DDD (DDD) Contractors; Fee-For-Service (FFS) Programs including: the American Indian Health Program (AIHP), Tribal ALTCS; and all FFS populations, excluding Federal Emergency Services (FES). (For FES, refer to AMPM Chapter 1100). This Policy establishes requirements for immunizations covered by AHCCCS.

II. DEFINITIONS

Definitions are located on the AHCCCS website at: [AHCCCS Contract and Policy Dictionary](#).

III. POLICY

AHCCCS covers immunizations as appropriate for age, history, and health risk for adults and children. Covered Immunizations for children are specified in AMPM Policy 430.

AHCCCS follows the recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

Prior authorization shall not be required by AHCCCS FFS Programs or the Contractor for medically necessary covered immunizations when administered by an AHCCCS registered provider.

1. As recommended by the CDC and ACIP, covered immunizations for adults include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Diphtheria-tetanus,
 - b. Influenza,
 - c. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19),
 - d. Pneumococcus,
 - e. Rubella,
 - f. Measles,
 - g. Hepatitis-A,
 - h. Hepatitis-B,
 - i. Pertussis,
 - j. Zoster Vaccine, for members 50 years of age and older, and
 - k. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine.

Pharmacists and pharmacy interns under the supervision of a pharmacist, within their scope of practice, may administer AHCCCS covered immunizations to adults 19 years and older as specified in A.R.S. § 32-1974.

Pharmacists and pharmacy interns under the supervision of a pharmacist, within their scope of practice, may only administer influenza immunizations to children who are three years through 18 years of age.

Immunizations are not covered by AHCCCS for members for passport, visa clearance, or for travel outside of the United States.

Refer to AMPM Policy 310-V for pharmacy reimbursement for adult immunizations.