

**310-M - IMMUNIZATIONS**

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**I. PURPOSE**

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

**II. DEFINITIONS**

<b>ADULT</b>	An individual 18 years of age or older, unless the term is given a different definition by statute, rule, or policies adopted by AHCCCS.
<b>CHILD</b>	An individual under the age of 18, unless the term is given a different definition by statute, rule or policies adopted by AHCCCS.
<b>IMMUNIZATION</b>	The administration of a vaccine to promote the development of immunity or resistance to an infectious disease.
<b>VACCINE</b>	A preparation administered to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against one or several diseases.

**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 and Contractors' Providers for medically necessary AHCCCS covered Immunizations when administered by an AHCCCS registered provider.

1. Covered Immunizations for Adults include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Diphtheria-tetanus,
  - b. Influenza,
  - c. Pneumococcus,
  - d. Rubella,
  - e. Measles,
  - f. Hepatitis A,
  - g. Hepatitis-B,
  - h. Pertussis, as currently recommended by the CDC or ACIP,
  - i. Zoster Vaccine, for members 50 years of age and older, and
  - j. HPV Vaccine., as currently recommended by the CDC or ACIP.

Pharmacists and pharmacy interns under the supervision of a pharmacist, within their scope of practice, may administer AHCCCS covered Immunizations to **adults** 18 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.