

DATE: December 21, 2018
To: Holders of the AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual
FROM: DHCM Contracts and Policy
SUBJECT: AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM)

This memo describes revisions and/or additions to the AMPM

Please direct questions regarding policy updates to the Contracts and Policy Unit at 602-417-4295 or 602-417-4055 or email at DHCMContractsandPolicy@azahcccs.gov.

UPDATES AND REVISIONS TO THE AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL (AMPM)

To view the policies and attachments, please access the following link:

AHCCCS MEDICAL POLICY MANUAL (AMPM)

During the month of September AHCCCS will be transitioning the Policies from the *Approved Not Yet Effective* section of the AMPM webpage to the AMPM final publishing section. Some Policies may have additional changes since the date they were first posted to the *Approved Not Yet Effective* section. In the event additional changes were made, those revisions are indicated below. Policies that had no additional changes are then listed after. The transitioned policies have a 10/01/18 effective date.

POLICY 440, KIDSCARE TITLE XXI

AMPM Policy 440 was revised to align with AHCCCS Complete Care (ACC) Contract/Integration changes (RFP YH19-0001) and minor formatting. Policy title was formerly listed as, "KidsCare Services" and has been re-named "KidsCare Title XXI"

POST TRIBAL CONSULTATION NOTIFICATION/PUBLIC COMMENT CHANGES:

- Added definition for 'Prior Authorization'

"For purposes of this Policy, a process by which the AHCCCS Division of Fee-For-Service (FFS) Management (DFSM) determines in advance whether a service that requires prior approval will be covered based on the initial information received. PA may be granted provisionally (as a temporary authorization) pending receipt of required documentation to substantiate compliance with AHCCCS criteria. PA is not a guarantee of payment."

- Section III., B., 2., restored previously deleted language.
2. Services provided under the Medicaid School Based Claiming Program (*Title XXI is not eligible for Medicaid School Based Claiming*). See also AMPM Chapter 700.

POLICY 1240-A, DIRECT CARE SERVICES (ATTENDANT CARE, PERSONAL CARE, AND HOMEMAKER SERVICES)

AMPM Policy 1240-A was revised to accommodate changes made to the use of Independent Contractor business model by Direct Care worker (DCW) agencies. Revisions were made to streamline, clarify, and reorganize content. Revisions also include DCW background requirements to be implemented 10/01/19.

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POLICY 961-C, COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCIES