



DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Sent on Behalf of DES/DDD

POLICY UPDATE - APRIL 9, 2025

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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The DDD Policy Unit published new and revised policies on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. The policies are available on the Division's [Policy webpage](#).

REVISED POLICIES

[AdSS Medical Policy 310-F Emergency Medical Services](#)

This policy was updated to align with AHCCCS and Division policies. Revisions include:

- Updated the "Definitions" section.
- Added provisions related to denying payment.
- Formatted to align with current Policy standards.

[Division Medical Policy 320-W Therapeutic Foster Care for Children](#)

This policy has been revised to align with recent updates to AMPM Policy 320-W and as part of an Ad Hoc deliverable request from AHCCCS. Revisions include:

- Updated the "Definitions" section.
- Modified language to reflect therapeutic foster care is a treatment and not a placement alternative.
- Condensed duplicative language.
- Added language added to clarify criteria requirements to be used when developing medical necessity criteria for admission, continued stay, and discharge from therapeutic foster care.
- Added a section regarding therapeutic foster care training requirements.

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[Division Medical Policy 520 Member Transitions](#)

This policy has been revised to establish the requirements applicable to the Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) to identify and facilitate Member transitions between the Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS) or other Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) contractors or

Fee-for-Service (FFS) plans. Revisions include:

- Added a subsection outlining changes or transitions between lines of business within a health plan when the Division identifies and facilitates coordination of care for all Members eligible for Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCs).
- Revised the AdSS MONITORING AND OVERSIGHT section to combine information into one policy statement.

[AdSS Medical Policy 520 Member Transitions](#)

This policy has been revised to establish the Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS) requirements to identify and facilitate Division of Developmental Disabilities (Division) Member transitions between the AdSS or other Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) contractors. Revisions include:

- Revised the Purpose Statement
- Added a subsection outlining changes or transitions between lines of business within a health plan when the AdSS identifies and facilitates coordination of care for all Members eligible for Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCs).

[Division Medical Policy 980 Performance Improvement Projects](#)

This policy has been revised to align with recent updates to AMPM Policy 980. Revisions include:

- Changed language for “population/line of business” to “line of business” throughout.
- Added language regarding AHCCCS requirements.
- Revised grammar to improve readability.

[AdSS Medical Policy 980 Performance Improvement Projects](#)

This policy has been revised to align with recent updates to Division Medical Policy 980 and AMPM Policy 980. Revisions include:

- Changed language for “population/line of business” to “line of business” throughout.
- Added language regarding AHCCCS requirements.
- Revised grammar to improve readability.

[Division Medical Policy 1230-C Community Residential Settings and Room and Board](#)

This policy has been revised to align with current requirements. Revisions include:

- Added new terms to the “Definitions” section.
- Updated guidance for the Residency Agreement form completion before the Member moves into a Community Residential Setting.
- Added language to clarify the specific criteria under which it is permissible for Child and Adult Members to live in the same setting.
- Clarified language regarding circumstances under which the QV can subcontract for the provision of developmental home services.
- Added language regarding Behavior Supported Group Homes (BSGH).
- Updated language regarding the BSGH Committee.

[Division Medical Policy 1620-G Behavioral Health Standards](#)

This policy has been revised to align with current requirements. Revisions include:

- Added new terms to the “Definitions” section.
- Updated terms to provide additional clarification.
- Removed insert from Division Operations Policy 417 and replaced it with a reference to Division Operations Policy 417.

- Revised grammar to improve readability.
- Formatted to align with current Policy standards.

POLICY PUBLIC COMMENT

The Division is currently accepting public comments regarding Division policies. The policy revisions can be found on the [Policy page](#) of the Division's website. This form, <https://forms.gle/4MGCsdyKTRPJna3m9>, can be used to submit public comments.