

Sent on Behalf of DES/DDD

POLICY UPDATE - MAY 28, 2025

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

Transmittal Date - 05/29/2025

The DDD Policy Unit published new and revised policies on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. The policies are available on the Division's [Policy webpage](#).

NEW POLICIES

[Division Medical Policy 930 Implementation and Fidelity Monitoring of SAMHSA Evidence-Based Practices](#)

This policy has been developed to establish program requirements, eligibility criteria, and ongoing expectations for behavioral health Providers engaged in the provision of Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) identified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for individuals with an SMI designation. This policy outlines scoring thresholds to evaluate if services provided are consistent with fidelity standards outlined within each EBP Kit.

[AdSS Medical Policy 930 Implementation and Fidelity Monitoring of SAMHSA Evidence-Based Practices](#)

This policy has been developed to establish program requirements, eligibility criteria, and ongoing expectations for behavioral health Providers engaged in the provision of Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) identified by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for individuals with an SMI designation. This policy outlines scoring thresholds to evaluate if services provided are consistent with fidelity standards outlined within each EBP Kit.

REVISED POLICIES

[Division Operations Policy 110 Mental Health Parity](#)

Revisions were made to align with current AHCCCS guidance. The primary change to this policy is guidance to include within the parity analysis, a side by side comparative analysis of Division and AdSS MH/SUD and M/S services to determine compliance with the parity rule.

[AdSS Operations Policy 110 Mental Health Parity](#)

Revisions were made to align with current AHCCCS guidance. The primary change to this policy is guidance to include within the parity analysis, a side by side comparative analysis of MH/SUD and M/S services to determine compliance with the parity rule.

[Division Medical Policy 410 Maternity Care Services](#)

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

- Updated Definitions
- Additional policy requirements under General Requirements
- Added requirements for obstetrical and delivery services
- Added requirements surrounding evidence based practices

- Added requirements under Additional Related Services

[AdSS Medical Policy 410 Maternity Care Services](#)

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

- Updated Definitions
- Additional policy requirements under General Requirements
- Added requirements for obstetrical and delivery services
- Added requirements surrounding evidence based practices
- Added requirements under Additional Related Services

[Division Medical Policy 910 Quality Management and Performance Improvement Program Scope](#)

This policy has been revised to update the Division's requirements regarding the administration, management, and implementation of the Quality Management and Performance Improvement (QM/PI) Program. Revisions include:

- Streamlined the definition of Member.
- Updated the quality management and performance improvement program requirements and components.
- Updated provisions regarding quality management and performance improvement program administrative structure and oversight and added requirements regarding Mortality Review Committee.
- Updated provisions regarding quality management and performance improvement program monitoring and evaluation activities.
- Formatted to align with current Policy standards

[AdSS Medical Policy 910 Quality Management and Performance Improvement Program Scope](#)

This policy has been revised to update the roles and responsibilities of the Division to provide oversight and ongoing Evaluation of the Administrative Services Subcontractors' (AdSS) compliance with QM/PI Program requirements. Revisions include:

- Streamlined the definition of Member.
- Updated the quality management and performance improvement program requirements.
- Updated provisions regarding quality management and performance improvement program administrative structure and oversight and added requirements regarding Mortality Review Committee.
- Updated provisions regarding quality management and performance improvement program monitoring and evaluation activities.
- Formatted to align with current Policy standards

[AdSS Medical Policy 960 Quality of Care Concerns](#)

- This policy has been revised in order to align with current AHCCCS guidance. Revisions include:
- Updated language regarding wellness checks.
- Added guidance that collateral information cannot be used to make determinations.
- Removed the "Peer Review" section as this information is in another policy.

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.