

Policy Update - July 8, 2026

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

Transmittal Date - 07/09/2026

The DDD Policy Unit published new and revised policies on Wednesday, July 8, 2026. The policies are available on the [Division's Policy webpage](#).

New Policy

[Division Medical Policy 1620-H Transitional Program Standard](#)

This policy was created to align with AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM) updates.

Revised Policies

[Division Operations Policy 405 Cultural Competency and Language Access Plan Requirements](#)

This policy was revised to align with AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual (ACOM) updates. Updates include:

- Updated policy name.
- Updated Definitions.
- Updated terminology throughout to align with current AHCCCS language.
- Rearranged content to appropriate sections where needed.
- Removed references to Family-Centered Care.
- Removed reference to the Needs and Capacity Assessment.

[AdSS Operations Policy 405 Cultural Competency and Language Access Plan Requirements](#)

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[Division Medical Policy 320-X Adult Behavioral Health Therapeutic Homes](#)

This policy was revised to align with AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM) updates. Updates include:

- Updated Definitions.
- Added reference to Division oversight in the purpose statement.

- Added the General Requirements section.
- Added Division requirement to submit ABHTH Placement Medical Necessity Criteria received from the AdSS to AHCCCS for approval as specified in Contract.
- Formatted to align with Policy Unit standards.

[AdSS Medical Policy 320-X Adult Behavioral Health Therapeutic Homes](#)

This policy was revised to align with AHCCCS Medical Policy Manual (AMPM) updates. Updates include:

- Updated Definitions.
- Added AdSS requirement to develop criteria for admission to an ABHTH.
- Added AdSS requirement to submit ABHTH Placement Medical Necessity Criteria to the Division for approval as specified in Contract.
- Added AdSS requirement to publish approved criteria on the AdSS website.
- Formatted to align with Policy Unit standards.

[Division Operations Policy 100 Management of DDD Policies and Procedures](#)

This policy has been revised to align with the Division's updated practices. Updates include:

- Incorporated reference to Policy Analyst position.
- Clarified the expectation that Standard Work is only determined to be official Division documentation after the steps for approval outlined in this policy have been completed.

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](#). The [DDD Policy Public Comment Submission form](#) can be used to submit public comments.