

## **310–J HOSPICE SERVICES**

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REFERENCES: A.R.S. §§ 36-2907 36-2939, and 36-2989, 42 CFR 418.20 and 70, Arizona’s Section 115(a) Medicaid Demonstration Extension

### **PURPOSE**

This policy establishes requirements for the Division’s Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS) pertaining to the coverage of Hospice Services

### **DEFINITIONS**

1. “Hospice Services” means comfort and support services for a Member deemed by a Physician to be in the last stages (six months or less) of life.
2. “Member” means the same as “Client” as defined in A.R.S. § 36-551.
3. “Responsible Person” means the parent or guardian of a minor with a developmental disability, the guardian of an adult with a developmental disability or an adult with a

developmental disability who is a Member or an applicant for whom no guardian has been appointed.

## **POLICY**

### **A. HOSPICE SERVICES**

1. The AdSS shall ensure Responsible Persons have the right to choose Hospice Services and participate in the selection of the Hospice Service provider.
2. The AdSS shall ensure Members receiving Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) may continue to receive curative treatment for their terminal illness while receiving Hospice Services if the Responsible Person desires, as directed by the Affordable Care Act.

### **B. COMMUNICATION**

The AdSS shall notify the Division's Health Care Services and Support Coordination when a Member transitions to Hospice Services, or Hospice Services are revoked.