



**Division of Developmental Disabilities**

# POLICY NOTIFICATION

**Early Notification Transmittal Date: Feb 25, 2026**

**Public Comment Transmittal Date: Apr 1, 2026**

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## NOTIFICATION

***DDD is proposing changes to the following policy:***

**AdSS Medical Manual, Policy 310-M Immunizations**

### **Description of changes:**

This document has been Revised to align with AHCCCSs AMPM updates.

- Spelled out acronyms
- Added several new definitions
- Deleted policy statement outlining pharmacists and interns being allowed to administer immunizations to adults 19 years and older
- Added a policy statement in (A) (3) stating the AdSS covers vaccines recommended by the American Academy of Family Physicians and American College of Obstetricians Gynecologists when medically necessary
- Added a policy statement in (A) (4) stating the AdSS ensures services determined to be Medically Necessary are based on clinical appropriateness, scientific evidence, and standards of practice
- Added a list of benefits and services to (A) (6)
- Added additional immunizations in (A) (7) that the AdSS covers
- General formatting

## PUBLIC COMMENT TIMELINE

**Dates:** Public comment will be open for 30 days beginning April 1, 2026 and closing May 1, 2026, 11:59 pm, Arizona time.

**Instructions:** (Complete instructions are located on the Division's [webpage](#))

- Comments may be submitted online by clicking [here](#).
- Do not include any information that is confidential, covered under HIPAA, or inappropriate for public disclosure.

If access to the online form is not available or if you have questions, please email the DDD Policy Unit at [DDDpolicy@azdes.gov](mailto:DDDpolicy@azdes.gov).

## **310-M IMMUNIZATIONS**

REVISION DATES: ~~XX/XX/XXXX~~, 5/10/2023, 10/26/2022

REVIEW DATES: 1/3/2025, 2/3/2023

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2019

REFERENCES: A.R.S. § 32-1974, AMPM 310-V, AMPM 430

### **PURPOSE**

This policy applies to the Division of Developmental Disabilities (The Division) Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS). The purpose of this policy is to outline describe covered immunization services for Division Members ~~DDD members~~ who are eligible for the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS).

### **DEFINITIONS**

1. "Adult" means an individual 18 years of age and older.
2. "Child" means an individual under the age of 18 years.
3. "Clinic Services Benefit" means medical services provided in an ambulatory clinic including:
  - a. Physician services,
  - b. Dental services,
  - c. Dialysis,

- d. Laboratory,
  - e. X-ray and imaging services,
  - f. Health assessment services,
  - g. Immunizations,
  - h. Medications and medical supplies,
  - i. Therapies,
  - j. Family planning services, and
  - k. Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) services.
4. "Immunization" means the administration of a vaccine to promote the development of immunity or resistance to an infectious disease.
5. "Medically Necessary" means a service given by a doctor, or licensed health practitioner that helps with health problems, stops disease, disability, or extends life.
6. "Outpatient Hospital Services" means services ordinarily provided in hospitals, clinics, offices, and other health care facilities by licensed health care providers.

7. “Preventive Services Benefit” means coverage is available for evidence-based Medically Necessary preventative services. Services must be recommended by a physician or other licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of authorized practice under State law to prevent disease, disability, and other health conditions, prolong life, and promote physical and mental health efficacy. Services for adults are based, in part, on guidelines from the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. In addition to the services specified under section 4106 of the Affordable Care Act, Arizona covers, without cost-sharing, services specified under PHS 2713 which is in alignment with the Alternative Benefit Plans.
8. “Vaccine” means the preparation administered to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against one or several diseases.

## **POLICY**

### **A. COVERAGE**

- ~~1. The AdSS shall allow pharmacists and pharmacy interns under the supervision of a pharmacist, within their scope of practice, to administer AHCCCS covered immunizations to adults 19 years and older as specified in A.R.S. § 32-1974.~~
1. The AdSS shall cover immunizations as appropriate for age, history, and health risk, for adults and children.
2. The AdSS shall cover vaccine follow recommendations as established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
3. The AdSS shall cover vaccines recommended by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and American College of Obstetricians Gynecologists (ACOG) vaccine schedules when determined to be Medically Necessary as determined by the Member's medical provider.
4. The AdSS shall ensure services determined to be Medically Necessary are based on clinical appropriateness, scientific evidence, and standards of practice, including immunization

schedules and published communication from the professional medical academic associations AAFP or ACOG.

5. The AdSS shall not require prior authorization ~~(PA)~~. ~~Prior authorization is not required~~ for Medically Necessary medically necessary covered immunizations when administered by an AHCCCS-registered provider.
6. The AdSS shall cover the vaccines immunizations for adults under the following benefits and services: that include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Clinical Services Benefit,
  - b. Preventive Services Benefit, and
  - c. Outpatient Hospital Services.
  - d. ~~Diphtheria tetanus,~~
  - e. ~~Influenza,~~
7. The AdSS shall cover ~~the following~~ immunizations for adults including:
  - a. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
  - b. Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib);

- ~~c. Pneumococcus;~~
- ~~d. Rubella;~~
- ~~e. Measles;~~
- c. Hepatitis-A;
- d. Hepatitis-B;
- e. Human papillomavirus (HPV);
- f. Influenza;
- g. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR);
- h. Mpox;
- i. Pertussis;
- j. Pneumococcal;
- k. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV);
- l. Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis (Tdap or Td);
- m. Varicella;
- n. Zoster vaccine, for Members members 50 and older; and
- o. Other immunizations that meet the criteria of (A)(1-6)  
above.
- ~~p. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.~~

- ~~8. The AdSS shall cover vaccinations for children as described in AMPM 430.~~
8. The AdSS shall not cover immunizations for Members for passport or visa clearance, or for travel outside of the United States.
9. The AdSS shall cover pharmacy reimbursement for ~~adult~~ immunizations as described in AMPM 310-V.
10. The AdSS shall refer to AdSS Medical Policy 430 for covered immunizations for Division Members under the age of 21.

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Signature of Chief Medical Officer

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