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320-M MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND CBD OIL PRODUCTS

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This policy establishes requirements for the use of medical marijuana and all Cannabidiol (CBD) products (regardless of plant derivation). This policy **does not affect** the storage or administration of Federally reimbursed, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved, prescribed by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, dentist or other AHCCCS approved practitioner and medications dispensed by a State of Arizona Licensed Pharmacy (not a dispensary).

Policy

The Division covers medically necessary federally reimbursable medications prescribed by physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, dentist or other AHCCCS approved practitioner and dispensed by a licensed AHCCCS registered pharmacy, as defined in 9 A.A.C. 22, Article 2. Under 42 CFR 440.120 Medical Marijuana or CBD Oil products do not qualify as federally reimbursable medications.

The Division does not currently cover and has never covered medical marijuana or CBD Oil as a medical or pharmacy benefit. The Division will not provide reimbursement for an office visit or any other services that are primarily for the purpose of determining if a member would benefit from Medical Marijuana. The Division recognizes that registered providers operating within the scope of their license may recommend the use of medical marijuana or CBD Oil although it is not a covered benefit.

Under no circumstance shall any employee of the Department and any owner, director, principal, agent, employee, subcontractor, volunteer, and staff of the Division's service providers administer or store medical marijuana or CBD Oil products (regardless of the plant) for Division members unless the product meets the above criteria (federally reimbursable medications prescribed by physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, dentist or other AHCCCS approved practitioner and dispensed by a licensed AHCCCS registered pharmacy)