

201 APPLICANTS WITH DOWN SYNDROME

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 26,2022

REFERENCES: A.R.S. § 36-551; Division Eligibility Policies 200 G, H, I, 400, and 600.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to amend the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD or Division) qualifying diagnosis information to include Down Syndrome.

DEFINITIONS

“Down Syndrome” means a genetic disorder caused when abnormal cell division results in extra genetic material from chromosome 21, affecting a person’s cognitive and physical abilities and causing developmental issues.

POLICY

A. QUALIFYING DIAGNOSIS

1. The Division shall accept Down Syndrome, in addition to Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, and Cognitive/Intellectual Disability, as a qualifying diagnosis for the purpose of eligibility determination.

2. In all DDD policies relating to eligibility for Division services, the Division shall recognize Down Syndrome as the fifth qualifying diagnosis.

B. DOCUMENTATION

1. The Division shall require an evaluation report, which shall include a description of how the practitioner came to the decision based on prenatal or postnatal genetic testing.
2. The Division shall accept evaluations by licensed primary care physicians, developmental pediatricians, neonatologists, and clinical geneticists.