

Division of Developmental Disabilities

Medical Policy Manual

Chapter 300

Medical Policy for Acute Services

## 310-M IMMUNIZATIONS

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

# **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to describe covered immunization services for DDD members who are eligible for 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. "Immunization" means the administration of a vaccine to promote the development of immunity or resistance to an infectious disease.
- 4. "Vaccine" means the preparation administered to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against one or several diseases.

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### **POLICY**

# A. COVERAGE

- 1. The Division 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.
- 2. The Division shall cover immunizations as appropriate for age, history, and health risk, for adults and children.
- The Division shall follow recommendations as established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).
- 4. The Division shall not require prior authorization for medically necessary covered immunizations when administered by an AHCCCS-registered provider.
- 5. The Division shall cover immunizations for adults that include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Diphtheria-tetanus,
  - b. Influenza,



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- c. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19),
- d. Pneumococcus,
- e. Rubella,
- f. Measles,
- g. Hepatitis A,
- h. Hepatitis B,
- i. Pertussis,
- j. Zoster vaccine, for members 50 years of age and older,
- k. Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine.
- The Division shall cover vaccinations for children as described in AMPM 430.
- 7. The Division shall not cover immunizations for members for passport, visa clearance, or for travel outside of the United States.
- 8. The Division shall cover pharmacy reimbursement for adult immunizations as described in AMPM 310-V.

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