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4 **320-M MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND CBD OIL PRODUCTS**

5 REVISION DATE: XX/XX/XXXX

6 EFFECTIVE DATE: January 15, 2020

7 REFERENCE: AMPM 320-M Medical Marijuana,

8 https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/schedules/orangebook/e_cs_sched.pdf

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10 **Purpose**

11 This policy applies to the Division's Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS). The
12 Division contracts with Administrative Services Subcontractors (AdSS) and delegates the
13 responsibility of implementation of this policy. This policy establishes requirements for the use
14 of medical marijuana and all Cannabidiol (CBD) products (regardless of plant derivation). This
15 policy does not affect the storage or administration of Federally reimbursed, Food and
16 Drug Administration (FDA) approved, prescribed by a physician, physician assistant, nurse
17 practitioner, dentist or other AHCCCS approved practitioner and medications dispensed by a
18 State of Arizona Licensed Pharmacy (not a dispensary).

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20 **Policy**

21 The Division covers medically necessary federally reimbursable medications prescribed by
22 physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, dentist or other AHCCCS approved
23 practitioner and dispensed by a licensed AHCCCS registered pharmacy, as defined in 9 A.A.C.
24 22, Article 2. Under 42 CFR 440.120 Medical Marijuana or CBD Oil products do not qualify as
25 federally reimbursable medications. The Division does not currently cover and has never
26 covered medical marijuana or CBD Oil as a medical or pharmacy benefit. The Contractor will
27 not provide reimbursement for an office visit or any other services that are primarily for the
28 purpose of determining if a member would benefit from Medical Marijuana. The Division
29 recognizes that registered providers operating within the scope of their license may
30 recommend the use of medical marijuana or CBD Oil although it is not a covered benefit.

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

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