

327 – PEDIATRIC SERVICES INITIATIVE

EFFECTIVE DATES: 10/01/19, 10/01/20¹

APPROVAL DATES: 02/06/20, 07/10/20, 09/03/20²

I. PURPOSE

This Policy applies to ACC, ALTCS E/PD, DCS/CMDP (CMDP)³, DES/DDD (DDD), and RBHA Contractors. The Contractor is responsible for adhering to all requirements as specified in Contract, Policy, 42 CFR Part 457, and 42 CFR Part 438. This Policy establishes requirements for Contractors regarding the Pediatric Services Initiative (PSI).

II. DEFINITIONS

PEDIATRIC SERVICES INITIATIVE (PSI) ELIGIBLE ENCOUNTERS	Fully adjudicated and approved Prospective and Prior Period Coverage (PPC) expenses incurred by the Contractor that are subject to the rate increase to Qualified Children’s Hospitals for inpatient and outpatient services incurred at these facilities. PSI Eligible Encounters are limited to those billed by Qualified Children’s Hospitals where AHCCCS is the primary payer on Form Types I (Inpatient) and O (Outpatient) for Provider Type 02 (Hospital)
QUALIFIED CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL	A health care facility that has a contract with the Contractor, is licensed in Arizona as a hospital, is registered with AHCCCS as a participating provider, and is also a freestanding children’s hospital with more than 100 licensed pediatric beds.
PREMIUM TAX	The tax imposed pursuant to A.R.S. §36-2905 and §36-2944.01 for all payments made to Contractors for the Contract year.

III. POLICY

AHCCCS seeks to provide enhanced support through a uniform dollar increase to otherwise negotiated managed care contracted rates for inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided by Qualified Children’s Hospitals that are contracted with AHCCCS in order to preserve and enhance access to these facilities where essential services to AHCCCS members are received.

¹ Date changes are effective

² Date presented at APC Meeting or without APC review, the date Policy is approved by Assistant Director(s)/Designee

³ Added CMDP to purpose as Policy will now apply to CMDP as of 10/01/20

A. GENERAL

The amount due from or due to the Contractors as a result of this payment methodology is determined on an annual basis and is based on a fixed dollar amount which will be applied uniformly to contracted rates.

B. CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Contractors are responsible for making payments to Qualified Children's Hospitals during the Contract year as directed by AHCCCS once funds are received by AHCCCS from public entities in support of the PSI.
2. Contractors have 15 business days from receipt of funds to pay the Qualified Children's Hospitals, less Premium Tax, as directed by AHCCCS.
3. PSI Eligible Encounters shall indicate if the encounter is eligible to have PSI applied. Technical guidance has and will continue to be provided on how to transmit this information. Contractors reimburse Qualified Children's Hospitals for the PSI increase by making payments as directed by AHCCCS.
4. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to have any identified encounter data issues from Qualified Children's Hospitals corrected and adjudicated no later than 9 months from the end of the Contract year.
5. If the Contractor performs recoupments/refunds/recoveries on any PSI claims, the related encounters shall be adjusted (voided or void/replaced) as specified in ACOM Policy 412. If the Contractor does not submit the revised encounters within the required timeframe, AHCCCS may recoup the estimated impact on the final payment and reserves the right to impose Administrative Action on the Contractor. AHCCCS reserves the right to adjust any previously issued PSI final payment results for the impact of the revised encounters and recoup any amounts due to AHCCCS.

C. AHCCCS RESPONSIBILITIES

1. AHCCCS will communicate the Tax Identification Numbers (TIN)s to Contractors prior to the beginning of the Contract year.
2. AHCCCS will work with the Qualified Children's Hospitals prior to the beginning of the Contract year to determine the annual payment amount.
3. When making payments to Contractors, AHCCCS will provide a list by TIN reflecting how payments should be made to Qualified Children's Hospitals.
4. AHCCCS will make payments to Contractors once all funds are received via Intergovernmental Transfers (IGTs).
5. All payments made to the Contractors will include Premium Tax.