

AHCCCS REMINDER: Dental Services Members 21 and Older

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Dear provider,

As a reminder AHCCCS allows for coverage of medical and surgical dental services furnished by a dentist only to the extent such services may be performed under state law either by a physician or by a dentist.

Medically necessary emergency dental care is covered for persons age 21 years and older who meet the criteria for a dental emergency. A dental emergency is an acute disorder of oral health resulting in severe pain and/or infection as a result of pathology or trauma. Emergency dental services are allowed up to \$1000 per member contract year (October 1st to September 30th).

American Indian/American Native (AI/AN) members who receive dental treatment at an I.H.S/638 Tribal facility are not subject to this \$1000 per member contract year limit. Services performed outside of I.H.S/638 Tribal facilities for AI/AN members (i.e. by BCBSAZ Health Choice contracted providers) remain limited to the \$1000 Emergency Dental Benefit for members 21 years of age and over.

Please refer to our BCBSAZ Health Choice Provider Manual Chapter 20 *Oral Health Services* for more guidance.

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