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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1606

AHCCCS; acupuncture services

Purpose

Requires Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) contractors to provide medically necessary acupuncture services.

Background

AHCCCS contracts with health professionals to provide medically necessary health and medical services to eligible members. Currently, AHCCCS contractors are required to provide: 1) inpatient and outpatient hospital services, excluding speech therapy; 2) laboratory and X-ray services; 3) prescription medications; 4) medical supplies, durable medical equipment, insulin pumps and prosthetic devices; 5) treatment of medical conditions of the eye; 6) early and periodic health screening and diagnostic services; 7) family planning services; 8) podiatry services; 9) nonexperimental transplants; 10) emergency dental care; 11) ambulance and nonambulance transportation; 12) hospice care; 13) orthotics; and 14) diabetes outpatient self-management training services ([A.R.S. § 36-2907](#)).

If there is a cost associated with providing acupuncture services through AHCCCS, there may be a fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Requires AHCCCS contractors to provide, subject to approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, medically necessary acupuncture services that are performed by an acupuncturist who is licensed by the State Acupuncture Board of Examiners and ordered by a primary care physician or primary care practitioner pursuant to the rules adopted by AHCCCS.
2. Requires AHCCCS to determine the number of medically necessary acupuncture service visits a primary care physician or primary care practitioner may order.
3. Makes technical changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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