



**Pascua Yaqui T/RBHA
CENTERED SPIRIT PROGRAM
Policy and Procedure Manual**

Section 3.16 Medication Formulary

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I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To ensure the availability of safe, cost-effective and efficacious medications, Arizona Department of Health Services, Department of Behavioral Health Services (ADHS/DBHS) maintains a list of medications that the T/RBHA, at a minimum, must have on their formularies. ADHS/DBHS may add or delete medications from the minimum list based on factors such as obsolescence, toxicity, and substitution of superior products or newer treatment options. Eligible persons must have access to all covered laboratory, radiology, cardiology and other medical testing services.

II. REFERENCES

The following PY/CSP Provider Manual Sections can serve as additional resources for this content area:

- [Section 3.14, Securing Services and Prior Authorization](#)
- [Section 3.15, Psychotropic Medications: Prescribing and Monitoring](#)
- [Section 3.21, Service Prioritization for Non-Title XIX/XXI Funding](#)
- [Section 3.15, Psychotropic Medications: Prescribing and Monitoring](#)

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The following ADHS/DBHS site also serves as a resource for this content area:

- [42 CFR Part 400](#)
- [42 CFR Part 403](#)
- [42 CFR Part 411](#)
- [42 CFR Part 417](#)
- [42 CFR Part 422](#)
- [42 CFR Part 423](#)
- [A.R.S. 32-1901](#)
- [R9-22-209](#)
- [R9-31-209](#)
- [ADHS/DBHS Covered Behavioral Health Services Guide](#)
- [ADHS/DBHS Medication List](#)



[T/RBHA Medication Formulary](#)
[Medicare Modernization Act Final Guidelines - Formularies](#)

III. STANDARDS

Medications are available to:

- All Title XIX and Title XXI eligible persons;
- All persons determined to be Seriously Mentally Ill; and
- All other persons, based on available funding in accordance with [Section 3.21, Service Prioritization for Non-Title XIX/XXI Funding](#), or as determined by the TRBHA to have a medication benefit.

At a minimum, the TRBHA's formulary includes all medications on the ADHS/DBHS medication list, however, the Pascua Yaqui TRBHAs Centered Spirit Program may choose to maintain a more comprehensive formulary of covered medications for its members.

The updated T/RBHA medication list is posted on the Centered Spirit Program website at <http://notescl.pascuayaqui-nsn.gov:8008/departments.nsf/health/home>. Updated information concerning covered medical testing services is posted on the ADHS/DBHS website as part of the ADHS/DBHS Covered Services Guide (<http://www.hs.state.az.us/bhs/covserv.htm>).

IV. DEFINITIONS

[ADHS/DBHS Medication List](#)

[Formulary](#)

[Behavioral Health Medical Practitioner](#)

[Dual eligible](#)

[Prescription Drug Plan \(PDP\)](#)

[Prior Authorization](#)

V. PROCEDURES

A. How is the formulary used to access medications?

[Formulary Medications](#)

Behavioral health providers contracted with a Tribal RBHA must reference the AHCCCS Medication List to determine what medications are available.

CSP maintains a list of all Formulary and Non-Formulary Medications.



B. Prior authorization

The T/RBHA must obtain approval from the ADHS/DBHS Medical Director or designee in writing prior to establishing prior authorization protocols for any medication included on the [ADHS/DBHS Medication Formulary](#), including dosage and dispensing restrictions. If a RBHA or behavioral health provider requires prior authorization for medications, the requirements outlined in [Section 3.14, Securing Services and Prior Authorization](#), [Section 5.1, Notice Requirements and Appeal Process for Title XIX and Title XXI Eligible Persons](#), and [Section 5.5, Notice and Appeal Requirements \(SMI and Non-SMI, Non-TXIX/TXXI\)](#), must be met (see subsection 3.14.7-E.).

C. How can Behavioral Health Providers have input?

Behavioral health providers can offer suggestions for adding or deleting medications to the ADHS/DBHS Medication Formulary or the T/RBHA Medication Formulary.

Changes to the ADHS/DBHS Medication Formulary

To propose additions to or deletions to the ADHS/DBHS Medication List, a behavioral health medical practitioner may submit a request to the ADHS/DBHS Chief Medical Officer or designee.

Chief Medical Officer

Department of Health Services

Division of Behavioral Health Services

150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 200

Phoenix, AZ 85007-3238

(602) 364-4753 (office)

(602) 364-4570 (fax)

Additions:

Requests for additions must include the following information:

- Medication requested (trade name and generic name, if applicable);
- Dosage forms, strengths and corresponding costs of the medication requested;
- Average daily dosage;
- Indications for use (including pharmacological effects, therapeutic uses of the medication and target symptoms);
- Advantages of the medication (including any relevant research findings if available);
- Adverse effects reported with the medication;
- Specific monitoring required; and
- The drugs on the current formulary that this medication could replace.



Deletions:

A detailed summary of the reason for requesting the deletion.

What happens with my request?

The ADHS/DBHS Chief Medical Officer will bring the request to the ADHS/DBHS Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee for review. The ADHS/DBHS Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee advises the Chief Medical Officer of requests for changes to the ADHS/DBHS Medication Formulary.

The Behavioral health provider must provide a copy of the proposed addition or deletion to the medication formulary to the T/RBHA Utilization Review Specialist/Quality Manager for tracking and trending purposes.