



# Comprehensive Medical and Dental Program Authorization Guideline

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<b>TITLE</b> Medical Services in a Foreign Nation Prior Authorization Guideline
<b>RESPONSIBLE AREA</b> Health Services
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## **DESCRIPTION**

This guideline is used in the prior authorization decision-making process regarding requests for out of the country services.

## **CLINICAL GUIDELINE**

Title XIX funds cannot be used to pay for services provided outside of the United States. The assumption is that there would never be a medically necessary reason to travel outside the country.

### **Medical Coverage**

CMDP does not pay for health services outside the United States. Additionally, CMDP does not pay for immunizations required for travel abroad.

If a child/youth in out-of-home care is planning to travel outside the United States, DCS field staff (DCS Specialist) and the Arizona Attorney's Generals Office prepare a court order addendum for out of country travel.

CMDP serves as a resource for DCS staff when needed.

**PLEASE NOTE:** State and Federal law take precedence over prior authorization guidelines. CMDP reserves the right to review and update guidelines periodically.

## **REFERENCES**

A.A.C. R6-5-6001 - The goal of the Comprehensive Medical/Dental Program (CMDP) for children in out of home care is to provide, in the most cost effective manner, full coverage for those medical and dental services which are necessary to the achievement and maintenance of an optimal level of physical and mental health for children in out of home care.