



## Information for families of children with special needs

**Ages:** **0-2** **3-5** **6-17** **18-20** **21+**

# AHCCCS Health Insurance for Families with Children



The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is Arizona's Medicaid program. AHCCCS is a managed care health insurance system — it contracts with regional health care providers that in turn contract with private doctors to provide acute medical care services for low-income people. AHCCCS for Families with Children was established in 1982 by the Arizona State Legislature. As of March 2009, 535,414 people were enrolled in this AHCCCS program. Total enrollment in all AHCCCS programs was 1,175,576 as of March 2009.

### WHO is Eligible?

- Household must have child under age 19
- U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant
- Arizona resident with Social Security Number
- Household income is at or below 100% Federal Poverty Level (e.g. monthly income < \$1,838 for family of 4 in 2009). Dependent care deduction can be used to adjust income for childcare expenses that enable a family member to work.
- No limit on resources or property that is owned

### WHAT Services Are Covered?

- Doctor & Specialist care
- Prescriptions & medical supplies
- Surgeries & hospital stays
- Lab & x-ray services
- 24-hour emergency medical care
- Physical exams
- Behavioral health services
- Pregnancy care
- Emergency/Non-emergency medical transportation
- Occupational, physical & speech therapies
- Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) services including:
  - immunizations, dental, eye & hearing screening/treatment

### HOW MUCH Does it Cost?

\$1 for doctor's office visits and non-emergency use of emergency room. However, an AHCCCS provider cannot refuse to provide services to someone who cannot pay. Native Americans receive AHCCCS services at no cost.

### HOW Are Services Delivered?

AHCCCS uses a "managed care" system for all of its health insurance programs. The state contracts with health care plans in each county that contract with doctors to provide AHCCCS services. You choose an AHCCCS health plan that serves your

county, then you select a doctor ("primary care physician") who works with that plan. If you already have a doctor, check with the doctor's office to see if they serve AHCCCS plan members. If you don't choose a health plan, one will be assigned by AHCCCS. If AHCCCS does assign you to a plan but you want to change to a different plan, you will have 30 days make the change. After that, you cannot change health plans until the following year on your AHCCCS enrollment date.

Native Americans who qualify for AHCCCS may choose to receive health care services from Indian Health Services (IHS) instead of an AHCCCS health plan. AHCCCS services are provided on a fee-for-service basis when a Native American enrolls with IHS.

### WHAT DOCUMENTS Do I Need?

- Proof of state residency (driver's license, rent or mortgage receipt or bill, utility bills, etc.)
- Proof of Income (Award letter, wage stubs, W-2, tax return, child support)
- Proof of Citizenship (birth certificate, naturalization certificate, passport, tribal enrollment card, etc.)
- If you are not a citizen, you will need your alien card that you were issued by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- Proof of Identity (day care/school records, tribal ID, doctor/clinic/hospital records, etc.)
- see AHCCCS website for specific info: <http://www.azahcccs.gov/Members/citizenship.asp>

### WHERE Do I Apply?

The state Department of Economic Security determines AHCCCS eligibility. A personal interview is required for AHCCCS. To get an application, Call: 602/417-5010, ext. 11 or 800/528-0142, ext. 11 toll free statewide Email: [ApplicationHelp@AHCCCS.State.AZ.US](mailto:ApplicationHelp@AHCCCS.State.AZ.US)

Download from the Internet:

<http://www.ahcccs.state.az.us/Members/Forms.asp>