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## AHCCCS Now Covers 300,000 More Persons!

### You may qualify now even if you did not before

As of January 1, 2014, the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (“AHCCCS”) now covers more persons under 65. This is called the Medicaid Restoration and Expansion.

**Who Qualifies? Adults** (19 to 65) with income up to 138% of the federal poverty level: \$16,104 for one adult (\$1,342 per month) or \$32,913 for a family of four (\$2,742 per month).

**Children** are eligible depending on their age and income level: under age one with income up to 152% of poverty; age one to five with income up to 146% of poverty and for all other children up to 138% of poverty.

**What does it cost?** Medicaid is free with some low fees for some services in limited situations.

**What benefits do you get?** Medicaid covers most services including: routine checkups, prescription drugs, emergency room care, hospital care and transportation to doctors and clinics.

**How do you enroll? Online:** Go to [www.azahcccs.gov](http://www.azahcccs.gov) and then click on Health-e-Arizona Plus.

**Mail:** Go to the Arizona Department of Economic Security (“DES”) website ([www.azdes.gov](http://www.azdes.gov)) or the AHCCCS website and print out a paper application. Mail it to the address listed on the application or take it to a DES office near where you live.

**In-person:** Go to any AHCCCS or DES office.

**What if you do not read or speak English?** For persons who speak or read Spanish, all the applications and instructions are in Spanish. Many AHCCCS and DES employees

speak Spanish. If you speak or read a language other than Spanish, a translator will be provided upon request.

**What if you need help?** You can go to [www.healthearizonaplus.gov](http://www.healthearizonaplus.gov) or call 1-855-HEA-PLUS (432-7587). There also are community groups that will help you. A list of groups is on the AHCCCS website at <http://www.azahcccs.gov/applicants/Downloads/KidsCareII/ConsolidatedLocationsList6A.pdf>

**What information may you need:** To reduce paperwork, AHCCCS will look for your records from government agencies. You may be asked to prove:

- ✓ Identity
- ✓ Residency in Arizona
- ✓ Income
- ✓ Citizenship or Immigration Status

Note: Any household members who are not seeking coverage for themselves or only want emergency medical services do not have to give a Social Security Number or any information about their immigration status.

**What if your application is denied?** You can file an appeal. Your denial notice will explain your appeal rights and how to contact a legal aid office for help with your appeal.

**What if your income is too high to qualify for AHCCCS?** You can apply for financial help to get health care coverage through the federal exchange or marketplace. Go to [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) for more information.

**Having problems getting AHCCCS?** Contact your local legal aid office.