

## Big Changes to AHCCCS (Arizona's Medicaid program) will begin April 1, 2023



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## Help Families Retain Health Coverage

Because AHCCCS was not allowed to drop members during the pandemic, AHCCCS membership has increased by about a third. Approximately 650,000 AHCCCS members are now at risk of losing coverage. The return to regular renewal processes will for first time in three years allow AHCCCS and KidsCare to disenroll members. Please note that renewal letters arrive with a DES return address, NOT an AHCCCS return address.

**About 325,000 AHCCCS members are at risk of losing coverage because they have not responded to AHCCCS letters and texts.** AHCCCS members need to sign up for text/email alerts by logging into [www.healthearizonaplus.gov](http://www.healthearizonaplus.gov), then going to "Message Center" on the toolbar, and clicking on "Manage My Alerts and Letters." Please remind AHCCCS members to look for any letters from AHCCCS or DES (Department of Economic Security) and respond if needed. If AHCCCS can't reach a member, they will be disenrolled.

**Another 325,000 people are no longer eligible for AHCCCS for a variety of factual reasons.** Some now earn too much to qualify. Because losing AHCCCS or KidsCare is considered a qualifying event, those dropped from coverage can enroll in the Health Insurance Marketplace through [Healthcare.gov](http://Healthcare.gov). Some will even qualify for no-cost coverage, while others will find low monthly premiums, often less than \$10 a month. Help enrolling is available! See the resources below.

In Arizona, 49% of our 1.7 million children and youth now have health insurance through AHCCCS or KidsCare. As the renewal process resumes, it is critical for community organizations to take steps to help children (and parents) stay enrolled in health coverage.

### Resources:

**Children's Action Alliance Materials:** <https://tinyurl.com/4yz7vvr2>  
**AHCCCS Materials:** <https://tinyurl.com/yj7bahsd>

**No-cost health care enrollment assistance:**  
**Cover Arizona has an online appointment system that connects Arizonans to bilingual, certified application assisters and navigators:** Virtual or in-person options available for AHCCCS, KidsCare, SNAP and Health Insurance Marketplace (Obamacare). Schedule an appointment: [www.coveraz.org/connector](http://www.coveraz.org/connector) or call 800-377-3536

**AZ Republic Article:** <https://tinyurl.com/mr4xzte4>

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