



AHCCCS is  
Arizona's  
Medical  
Assistance  
Program  
(Medicaid)

# ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM (AHCCCS)



## IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT CHANGES TO THE MEDICAL EXPENSE DEDUCTION (MED) PROGRAM AND THE AHCCCS CARE PROGRAM

You may have heard that enrollment in some AHCCCS programs is being frozen or may end due to the current budget crisis in Arizona.

At this time, only the Medical Expense Deduction (MED) program and the AHCCCS Care Program have been affected.

### What is MED and AHCCCS Care?

MED is an AHCCCS program administered by the Department of Economic Security (DES). MED provides AHCCCS benefits to people who have income too high to qualify for other programs, but who have high medical expenses. Enrollment in the MED program was frozen on May 1, 2011 and the program will end on October 1, 2011.

AHCCCS Care provides AHCCCS benefits to people whose income is not too high, but they do not meet some other requirements for the rest of the AHCCCS programs. Enrollment in the AHCCCS Care Program was frozen on July 8, 2011. Effective July 8, 2011 no one can be added to this program.

### Does This Change Affect Me?

**If you are not on MED or the AHCCCS Care Program, these changes do not affect you.** These changes do not affect AHCCCS coverage under any other programs at this time. However, if you or other family members receive AHCCCS coverage under the MED or AHCCCS Care programs, you or other family members have already received a separate letter describing the changes in more detail.

**This letter is sent only for your information so that you will know that if you are not on the MED or AHCCCS Care programs, you are not affected by the changes for the MED and AHCCCS Care programs. If you have specific questions, please contact your AHCCCS office or call DES at 602-542-9935 or 1-800-352-8401.**