SPOUSE ATTENDANT CARE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING FORM

MEMBER NAME: _____ AHCCCS ID#: _____

We, the people who have signed on the next page, choose to have Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) pay _____(the spouse) for _____'s (the member's) care. We know and agree that:

- The ALTCS Case Manager will decide the number of hours that will be paid for _____'s (the member's) care;
- All services will be medically necessary and cost effective; and
- We cannot have more than 40 hours of Attendant Care (or similar services) in a seven day period.

We know and agree that if _____ (the spouse) is paid for giving care:

- There will be an increase in the earned income of _____ (the spouse);
- The extra income could cause us to lose benefits from other publicly funded programs; and
- This change in benefits could affect us and/or others in our household.

Publicly funded programs may include but are not limited to the following:

BENEFIT TYPE	AGENCY RESPONSIBLE	PHONE NUMBER
AHCCCS, ALTCS and/or KidsCare eligibility	AHCCCS	
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Social Security Administration	
Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy	Social Security Administration	
Food Stamps	Arizona Department of Economic Security	
Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)	Arizona Department of Economic Security	
General Assistance	Arizona Department of Economic Security	
Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Housing	Local Housing Authority	
Social Security Disability	Social Security Administration	
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)	AHCCCS	
Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)	AHCCCS	
Qualified Individual – 1 (QI-1)	AHCCCS	
Other:		
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We know it is up to us to get in touch with any agencies from whom anyone in our household receives benefits. We will:

- Talk about how a change in the income for _____ (the spouse) may affect those benefits;
- Talk about this before making a decision to pay _____ (the spouse) for care; and
- Tell any agency from whom we currently receive benefits of the change in income if/when we decide to pay _____ (the spouse) for care.

We understand that some or all of our publicly funded benefits could be stopped or reduced. This depends on the amount of income _____ (the spouse) receives as an ALTCS paid caregiver. We will ask _____'s (the member's) ALTCS case manager for assistance if we need it.

We also know:

- We can change our minds about paying _____ (the spouse) for care at any time;
- We can decide that _____ (the member) should receive other ALTCS services; and
- These services must be medically necessary and cost effective.

Signature of Member:		Date:
Signature of Spouse:		Date:
Signature of Case Manager:		Date:

ANNUAL REVIEW OF CHOICE FOR SPOUSE ATTENDANT CARE

My spouse has been my paid ALTCS caregiver. I wish to continue with that plan. I know that there are other agencies and caregivers who could provide my care. I know that by choosing my spouse, I only get **up to** 40 hours of Attendant Care (or similar services) per week.

Signature of Member:		Date:	
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cc: Member
Case file