



Decision Made Regarding Coverage for Thousands of Low-Income Elderly and Disabled Arizonans

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) has awarded eight managed care program contracts to provide long term care services to low income elderly and physically disabled Arizonans who are enrolled in the Arizona Long Term Care System (ALTCS) program.

Currently, more than twenty-two thousand Arizona residents are enrolled in ALTCS. The program is for elderly poor individuals (65 and over), blind, or disabled who qualify for ongoing nursing facility care. ALTCS participants are also covered for medical care, including doctor's office visits, hospitalization, prescriptions, lab work, and behavioral health services. ALTCS has been viewed as a national model for its success in placing and supporting a high percent of individuals in their home or community based residential facilities rather than placement in the more costly nursing home care.

Contracts were awarded to the following companies:

- Maricopa County to Bridgeway (Cencorp), Mercy Care Plan and SCAN Long Term Care
- Pima/Santa Cruz Counties to Pima Health System
- Cochise/Graham/Greenlee Counties to Cochise Health System
- Yuma/La Paz Counties to Bridgeway (Cencorp)
- Mohave/Coconino/Apache/Navajo Counties to Evercare Select
- Yavapai County to Yavapai County Long Term Care
- Pinal/Gila Counties to Pinal/Gila Long Term Care

Contracts are awarded for five years beginning October 1, 2006.

Thousands of elderly and disabled Arizona residents rely on Arizona's Long Term Care System for much needed healthcare services. To learn more about eligibility, please contact the AHCCCS Central Office at 602-417-7100 within Maricopa County or 1-800-334-5283 outside of Maricopa County.