

**February 2010 Update: AHCCCS and Mercy Care Plan Settlement Agreement**

On July 8, 2008 Mercy Care Plan accepted a settlement agreement with the AHCCCS Administration to be awarded a contract in Pima County (Geographic Service Area 10; Pima County Only). Enrollment under this contract was capped for a minimum of one year, beginning October 1, 2008. The settlement agreement required MCP to demonstrate by October 1, 2009 that it had (1) maintained and improved its performance on contractually required clinical quality performance measures, and (2) improved operational performance regarding claims timeliness and accuracy, grievance system management, provider relations and notices of action.

AHCCCS has determined that Mercy Care Plan has met all of the conditions of the settlement agreement and has maintained its operational performance in the areas of claims timeliness and accuracy, grievance system management, provider relations and notice of action, as determined by AHCCCS, for the first quarter of the 2010 contract year.

Therefore, effective February 1, 2010 the enrollment cap was fully lifted and Mercy Care became eligible for new membership in Pima County.