

## **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.

On September 1, 2009 AHCCCS determined that Mercy Care Plan has met the conditions of the settlement agreement. Therefore, the current enrollment cap will be lifted effective the month following 3 of the 4 other Acute Care Contractors having achieved a membership of 25,000. At that time MCP will be an option for member choice in Pima County.

In order to become eligible for auto assignment, MCP must maintain or improve operational performance in the areas of claims timeliness and accuracy, grievance system management, provider relations and notice of action, as determined by AHCCCS, for one quarter.

If MCP does not maintain the performance requirements AHCCCS may at its sole discretion remove MCP as an option for new membership in both Pima and Maricopa Counties.