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Carmen Heredia, AHCCCS Executive Deputy Director  
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Re: Letter of Support for merger of Care1st Health Plan (Care1st) to Arizona Complete Health-Complete Care Plan (AzCH-CCP)

Cherish Families supports the Care1st/AZCH-CCP merger. Care1st/AzCH has been a solid partner to Cherish Families and the Short Creek community since 2018. We support the proposed merger as a way to reduce confusion, streamline member and provider experiences, and ensuring stability for the Short Creek community.

We anticipate that AZCH will continue the productive collaboration that we have established and which has done so much good in this underserved community.

Kindest regards,

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