



Protect Arizona's Healthcare Jobs

Support AHCCCS

AHCCCS Cuts Hurt Arizona's Economy

- The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), the state's Medicaid program, is a shared matching program between the state and federal government. For every \$1 the state puts in, the federal government matches it with \$2.
- A rollback of the Prop. 204 population would result in a loss of nearly \$1.5 billion in state and federal funding. The annualized impact is \$2.27 billion.
- If Arizona chooses to opt-out of the Medicaid program, the state will be removing \$7.2 billion in federal money from the economy.
- Money spent on healthcare is a long-term investment that pays off. The healthcare sector is vast, and there are many large and small companies in various industries. It is also one of the only areas of the economy that has continued to grow throughout the recession.

AHCCCS Cuts Result in Job Losses

- As lawmakers struggle to recover the 300,000 jobs lost during the current recession, cuts to the AHCCCS program undermine these efforts by causing more jobs to be lost.
- Arizona currently holds a 9.4% unemployment rate.
- Scaling back Prop. 204 will eliminate 13,568 private-sector healthcare jobs and 30,000 jobs across all areas of the private sector, as well as a reduction of \$2.5 billion to the gross state product in the first full year of the rollback.
- A total elimination of Arizona's Medicaid program would result in a loss of 159,000 jobs, nearly 82,000 in healthcare alone. The healthcare jobs that will be affected are high-quality, high-paying positions such as physicians, physician assistants, nurses, dentists, physical therapists, and behavioral health professionals.
- These cuts and resulting job losses then create an access-to-care issue (particularly in rural areas) for all patients when services and the professionals who provide them are no longer available.

AHCCCS Cuts Create a Cost Shift to Arizona's Businesses

- Healthcare providers often respond to reductions in AHCCCS payments by shifting a portion of the cost to private payers and insurance companies, which results in higher premiums for Arizona's businesses and the privately insured.
- This cost shift limits the ability for businesses to grow and prosper.