## Medicaid is Vital to Arizona's Children

Medicaid, or Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), is a public health insurance program designed to help people who otherwise could not afford health coverage.

Medicaid is a lifeline to children and families in Arizona and is built with children's unique needs in mind.





Medicaid pays for 46% of Arizona births

Helps ensure access to critical prenatal care, maternity care, and postpartum services.



Medicaid covers 36% of all Arizona children

Insures children in low-income families and nearly all children in foster care.



Medicaid covers 57% of children in Arizona with special health care needs

Provides medical, behavioral health, and long term care for children with special health care needs and disabilities.



Medicaid is the largest source of federal funding for mental health services

Supports mental and behavioral health treatment for children, adolescents, and adults.

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The federal government contributes \$1.80 to Medicaid for every \$1 Arizona invests.



74% of federal funding sent to Arizona is for Medicaid, which is about \$19.3 billion annually.

## Children enrolled in Medicaid:

Medicaid is a smart long-term investment in children.



Miss fewer school days



Are more likely to graduate from high school



Grow up to be healthier adults



Earn higher wages



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