

SAMPLE Board Issue Work Sheet: Pima Community Access Program (PCAP)

Board Meeting Date: June 7, 2011, 3pm

THE ISSUE IS: How do we effectively respond to cuts in AHCCCS?

IT IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

- It effects PCAP Members: People who are cut off of AHCCCS are going to contact PCAP for assistance and gap coverage, some of whom will be eligible for PCAP and some who won't.
- It effects PCAP's Provider Network: Providers are going to have a greater burden of uninsured patients coming through their doors coupled with lower reimbursement rates for their AHCCCS patients.
- It effects PCAP staffing and resource infrastructure because it creates an influx of calls and requests for service without a corresponding increase in funding.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION KEY TO UNDERSTANDING:

- The final state budget totally eliminates coverage for the Prop 204 population, leaving more than 50,000 childless adults in Pima County without insurance.
- Provider reimbursement for AHCCCS patients is decreased by 5% effective 10/1/11, effecting the budgets of community health centers, primary care providers, specialists and hospitals – PCAP's Provider Network.
- AHCCSS members begin to pay additional premiums and co-pays effective 7/1/11, adding additional burden to those who are covered.
- Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments will be reduced, negatively affecting hospital budgets.
- Kids Care enrollment is frozen – no new enrollments for the program, leaving tens of thousands of kids uninsured.
- According to the "Profile of AHCCCS Waiver Population" some of the key medical issues people in this population experience require care from specialists PCAP currently has difficulty contracting with. In other words, there will be more demand for specialty care that PCAP cannot currently manage.