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**KidsCare Accepting Applications Today
Coverage Effective September 1, 2016**

PHOENIX – Applications for KidsCare are being accepted today for coverage that will begin September 1, 2016, thanks to Senate Bill 1457 signed by Governor Doug Ducey. KidsCare is Arizona’s version of the federally created Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), providing health care coverage to children in households between 133% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL).

Parents insuring their children in KidsCare pay a monthly premium depending on their household income. Monthly premiums can range from \$10 for one child in a household at the lower income range up to \$70 for multiple children in households at the upper income range. The annual family income for a household of four at 133% FPL is \$32,319 and at 200% FPL is \$48,600.

AHCCCS estimates approximately 30,000 - 40,000 Arizona children may enroll in KidsCare coverage. KidsCare offers the full array of AHCCCS benefits. Families will have their eligibility conducted by the Department of Economic Security as part of a holistic eligibility determination. Eligible children will receive their coverage through health plans contracted with the AHCCCS Administration.

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For more information, contact the AHCCCS press office at (602) 417-4534 or go to the AHCCCS website for information on the KidsCare program at:

<https://www.azahcccs.gov/Members/GetCovered/Categories/KidsCare.html>.

To apply for KidsCare, on or after July 26, 2016, go to the HEAplus website at:

<https://www.healthearizonaplus.gov/Default/Default.aspx>.