



Arizona Primary Care Program

Purpose

The Arizona PCP (Primary Care Program), previously known as the Tobacco Tax Primary Care Program, is instrumental in Arizona's efforts to address the health care needs of vulnerable population groups, the low income, uninsured, and other medically underserved residents of Arizona, with the overarching vision to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes by increasing access to comprehensive, community-based, culturally responsive, and linguistically competent primary care and preventative services.

The PCP clinics serve as "Safety Net Providers" throughout the State, therefore, they play an important role in reducing health disparities due to lack of access to health care.

The PCP focuses on delivering access to care among people in the "notch group" or the working poor, that is, families with only one individual working and with healthcare coverage or those who cannot afford the cost of health care.

Facts (based on U.S. Census 2005):

- 20% of Arizona's population of all ages were uninsured, 13% were children under age 18
- 37% of Arizona's population were at or below 200% of the federal poverty level
- PCP delivered 97,000 primary medical and dental services in FY06 and projected to deliver 103,000 total visits in FY07

Need

- Funding level for FY06 is \$10 million, enough to compensate for only 75,000 visits; \$3 million deficit in funding
- Funding level for FY 07 is \$13 million enough to compensate for only 96,000 visits; \$800,000 deficit in funding
- The unmet need is growing as Arizona's uninsured continues to grow

Comprehensive Services

- Primary care and preventive health services
- Prenatal care and family planning services
- Preventive dental services
- Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Testing (EPSDT)
- Diagnostic laboratory and imaging services
- Pharmacy
- Outreach
- Health education and health promotion activities
- Medically necessary, non-emergent ground transportation
- Patient referral, tracking and follow-up
- Emergency stabilization services
- 24 hour medical coverage

Highlights:

- 19 contractors deliver comprehensive community-based primary care services.
- 11 Contractors provide services in rural Arizona
- 142 clinics in 13 Counties of the State
- 41 sites are School-Based; 4 of which are school-linked

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