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**JUNE 4-5, 2024
HIGH COUNTRY CONFERENCE CENTER,
FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA**

350 Registered

90 Organizations

Every Arizona County

Critical Access Hospitals

Rural Health Clinics

Indian Health Service Sites

Tribal-Run Clinics, Hospitals

State, County Governments

Federal: HHS, HRSA, FORHP

AzAHECs, AzCRH, ATP, APAL

ASU, NAU, UArizona, AT Still

Cooperative Extension

Advocacy Organizations:

AzRHA, AzPHA, AACIHC, AzHHA

AzAFP, SAHA, ATA



U.S., State Medicaid

22M of the 94M (23%) Medicaid enrollees before the PHE ended were disenrolled across the U.S. as of 5/23/2024

Almost **70%** were disenrolled for procedural reasons:
outdated contact info, incomplete renewal packets

Decreased Medicaid coverage = increased uncompensated care

Accessed 5/29/24 at: <https://www.kff.org/report-section/medicaid-enrollment-and-unwinding-tracker-overview/>

AHCCCS Enrollment, Redetermination



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From 3/1/23 to 5/1/24 AHCCCS enrollment decreased
from a high of 2.5M down to 2.2M

-317,253 (12.5%)

*3/23 month prior to AZ redetermination; **4/1/23 AZ began redetermination; ***5/1/23 National COVID PHE ended

https://www.azahcccs.gov/Resources/Downloads/PopulationStatistics/2024/Highlights_050124.pdf

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Affordable Care Act enrollment hit record highs in Arizona, U.S. in 2023

Ian McKinney | Cronkite News | Jan. 25, 2024

<https://cronkitenews.azpbs.org/2024/01/25/affordable-care-act-enrollment-hit-record-highs-in-arizona-u-s-in-2023/>

Arizona Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace enrollment increased by 110,000 (48%) to 348,000

Based on the decrease in Medicaid coverage and increase in ACA Marketplace coverage, Arizona's uninsured rate is likely just above 10% in 2024 (800,000 uninsured Arizonans)

US, AZ Maternal Health: Data to Inform Policy

Link: <https://crh.arizona.edu/publications/policy-reports-briefs>

ARIZONA RURAL MATERNITY CARE



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AZ
is
worse

BACKGROUND

- ▶ The United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of developed countries¹ defined as maternal death during pregnancy, childbirth or within *42 days after delivery*.

Maternal Mortality
per 100,000 Live
Births

OECD 38	US	Arizona ²
10.9	21.1	31.4

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Recommendations:

Expand labor & delivery services: teams with Ob/Gyn, family physicians, midwives, PA

Align incentives (e.g., Medicaid payment), expand training in high need areas using: Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)

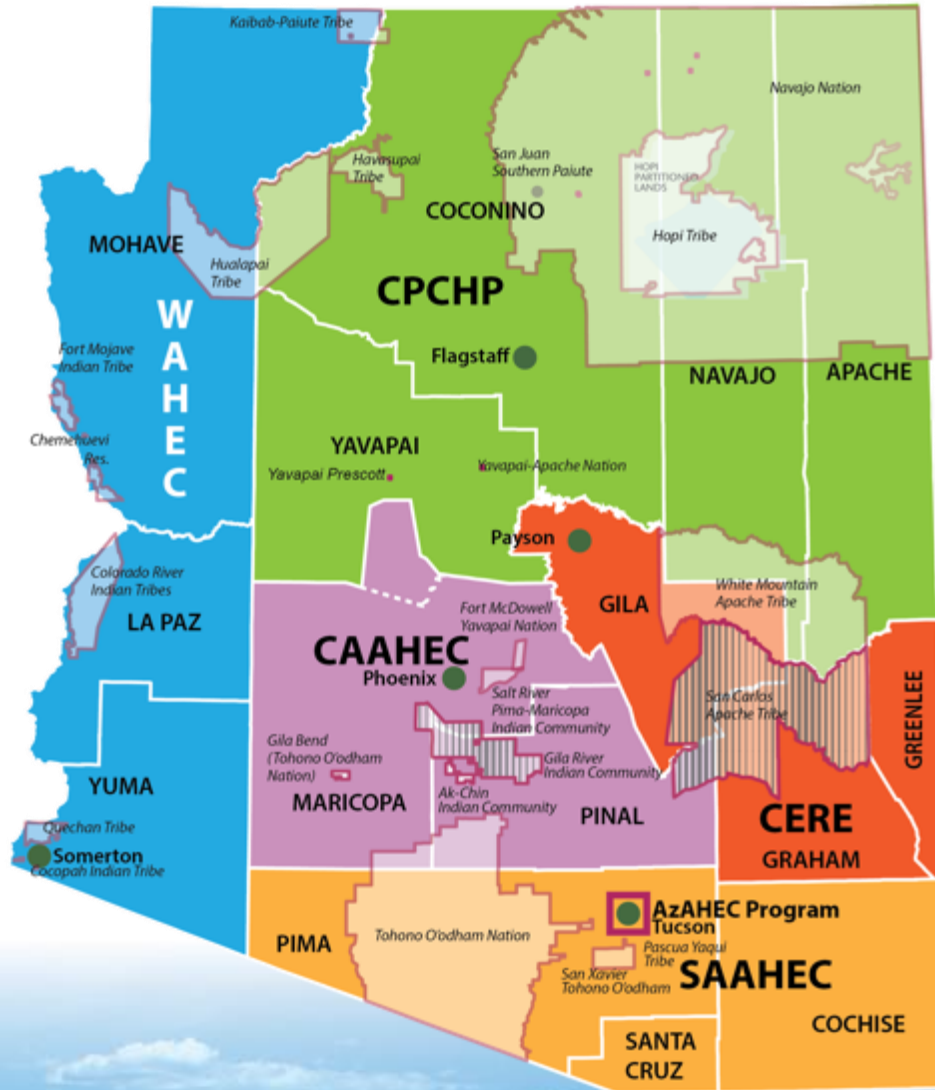
Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)

No obstetrics: La Paz, Greenlee

Low access: Graham, Cochise



Leveraging the AzAHEC Infrastructure to Expand Health Professions Education



Arizona AHEC Regions and Tribal Nations in Arizona

-  Tribal Nations
-  Arizona Area Health Education Center Program (AzAHEC) Tucson
-  American Indian Health Area Health Education Center (AIH-AHEC)
-  Southern Arizona Area Health Education Center (SAAHEC)
-  Central Arizona Area Health Education Center (CAAHEC)
-  Center for Excellence in Rural Education (CERE)
-  Colorado Plateau Center for Health Professions (CPCHP)
-  Western Arizona Area Health Education Center (WAAHEC)



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Area Health Education Centers

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AZ Facilitated CBET

Community Based Experiential Training: AzAHEC Program + 6 AzAHEC Regional Centers + 9 Rural Health Professions Programs (RHPPs) University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University

3,055

Facilitated CBET Rotations
CBET Location Percent by Site

26%

Rural Areas

67%

Primary Care
Settings

68%

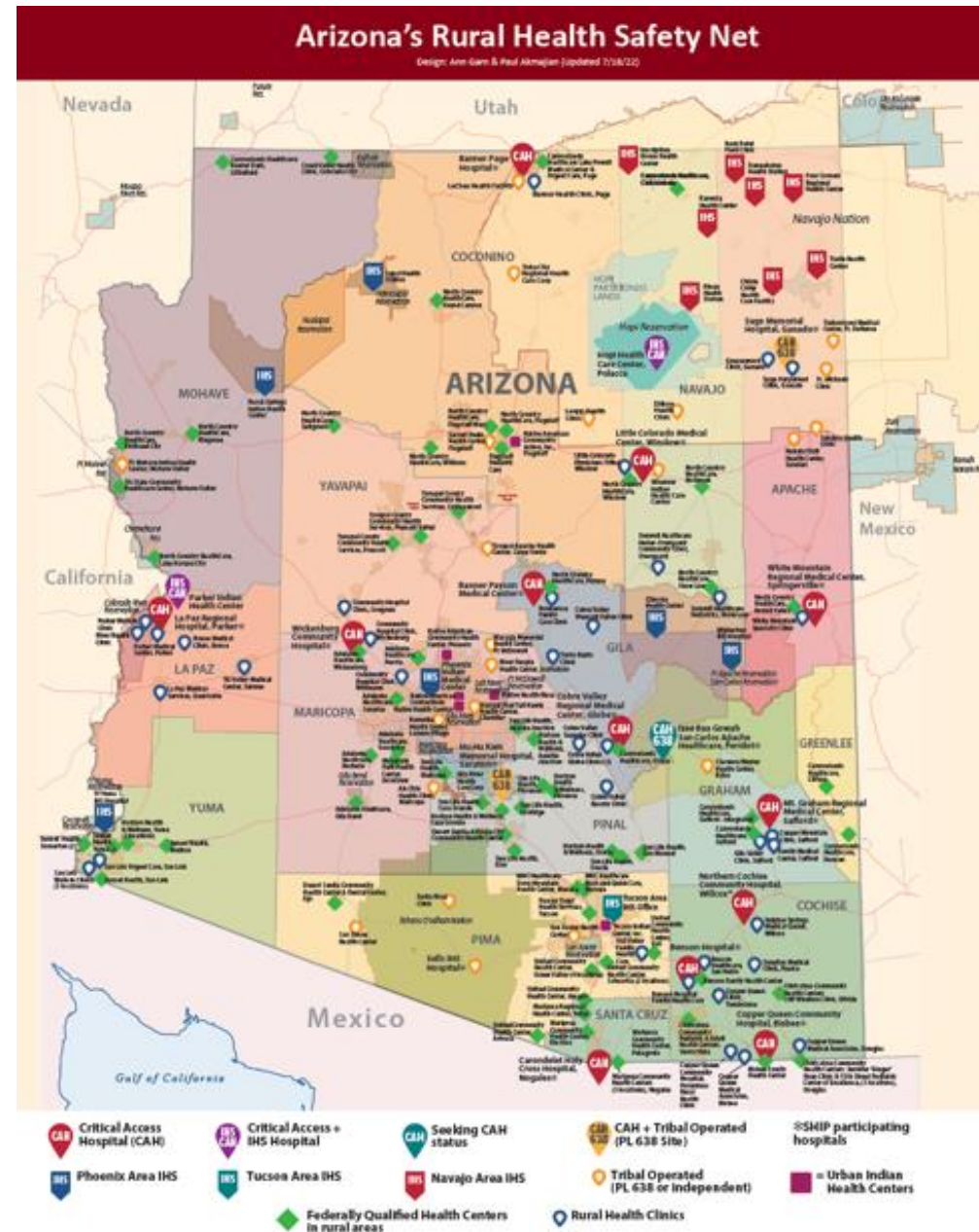
Medically
Underserved
Communities

2023 Arizona Area Health Education Centers (AzAHEC) Program Provided:

12%

of community-based, experiential health profession training rotations (CBET) of the nation's 56 AHEC Programs

1,600 AZ health profession trainees did 3,055 Community Based Experiential Training (CBET) rotations, totaling 490,000 learner contact hrs





Arizona's Physician Workforce

Meets 39% of primary care physician need¹

42nd in active PCP/100,000 pop 80 (US 94)²

31st total physicians/100,000 at 252 (US 272)²

Sources:

1. HRSA: <https://data.hrsa.gov/Default/GenerateHPSAQuarterlyReport>

2. AAMC: <https://store.aamc.org/2021-state-physician-workforce-data-report.html>



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azcentral.

Arizona will never solve its doctor shortage if we don't fix this.

Opinion: Arizona is expanding its medical schools to train much-needed doctors. But it could still lose those students to other states.

Brittney Kaufmann, opinion contributor | February 14, 2024 | Arizona Central



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AZ Rate Limiting Factor MD/DO Workforce Growth: Too few Residency (GME) Slots

AZ ranks #14 in population

Yet ranks #37 in GME FTEs per 100,000 pop.

AZ needs to add 1,100 GME FTEs for its pop (2,000 FTEs by 2030)

<https://www.aamc.org/data-reports/workforce/data/2021-state-profiles>

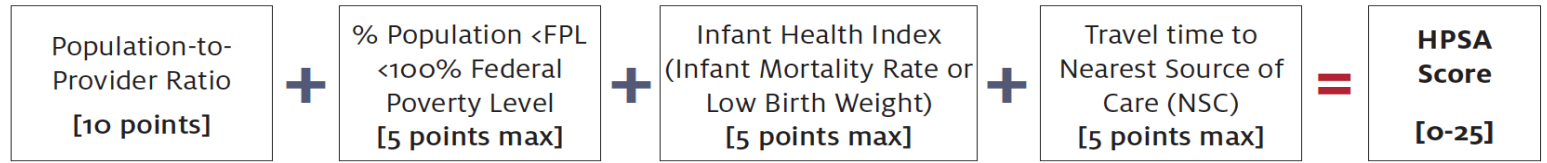


AZ PCP Shortages by Tribal Nation



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HPSA Score Formula:



Arizona Tribal Nations Primary Care Physician Shortage (2018)

TRIBAL NATION	HPSA SCORE	PCPs SHORT
White Mountain Apache	20	4.69
San Carlos Apache	20	3.44
Gila River	20	3.35
Tohono O'Odham	20	2.56
Navajo	20	40.58
Pascua Yaqui	20	1.09
Hopi	19	2.57
Salt River Pima-Maricopa	18	1.17
Colorado River	17	1.57
Hualapai	12	0.34
Fort McDowell Yavapai	10	0.17



Policy Gains:

Primary Care Physician
Scholarship Program
(Gov. Ducey)

American Indian
Health AHEC Regional
Center (Gov. Hobbs)

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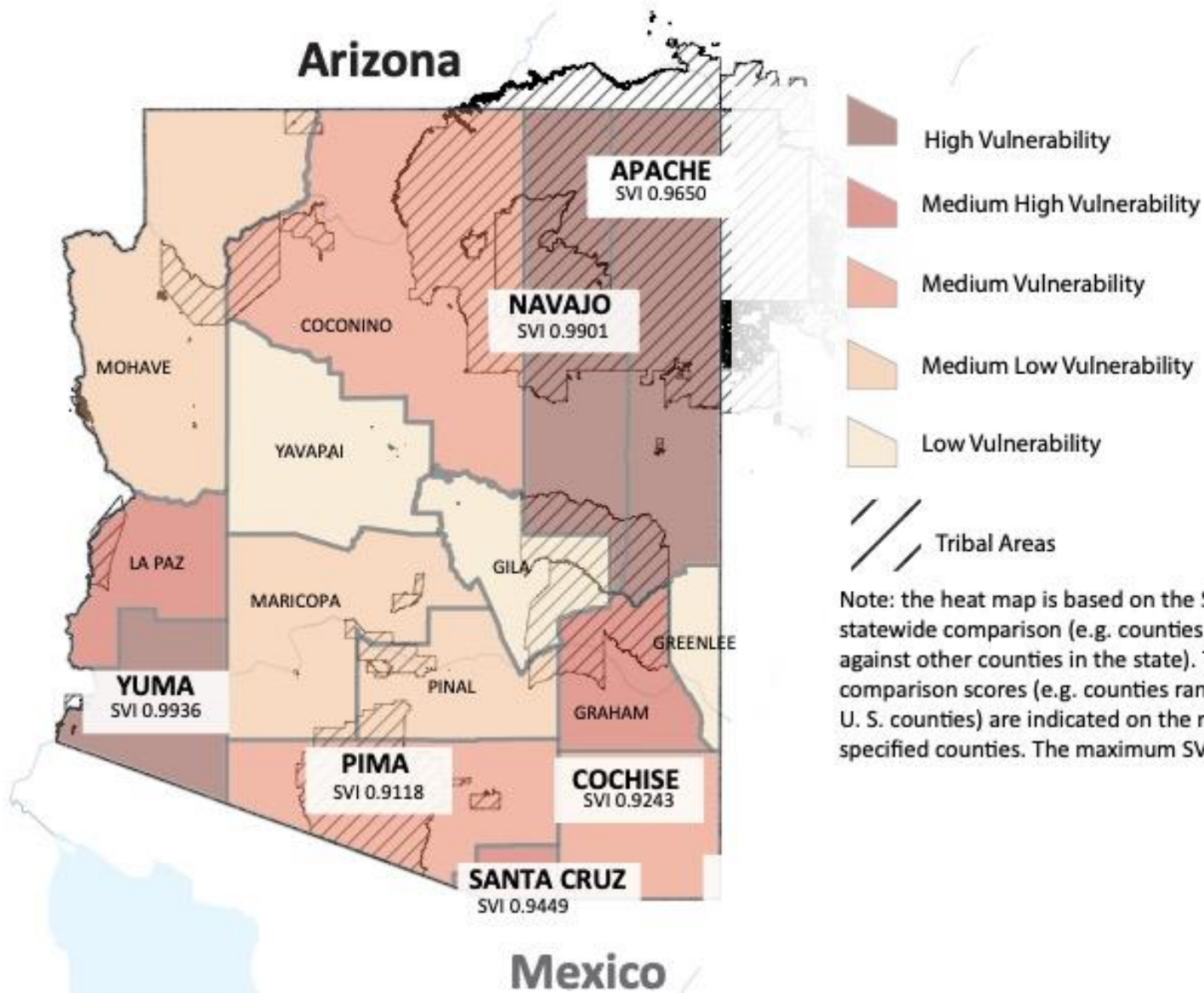


Gov. Hobbs signed SB1727 May 11, 2023:

\$5M AzAHEC system to establish primary care residency programs with rural and critical access hospitals, community health centers, rural health clinics, tribal health facilities.

Expand primary care GME in rural and health professional shortage areas (HPSAs)





The CDC Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) is based on social determinants

The highest score is 1.0

Arizona's four counties sharing a border with Mexico have high SVIs

Note: the heat map is based on the SVI as a statewide comparison (e.g. counties are ranked against other counties in the state). The SVI U.S. comparison scores (e.g. counties ranked against all U. S. counties) are indicated on the map for specified counties. The maximum SVI score is 1.000

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/ Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry/ Geospatial Research, Analysis, and Services Program. CDC/ATSDR Social Vulnerability Index [2020]. Database [U.S., AZ, NM] accessed 3/5/2024 at: https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/-data_documentation_download.html.

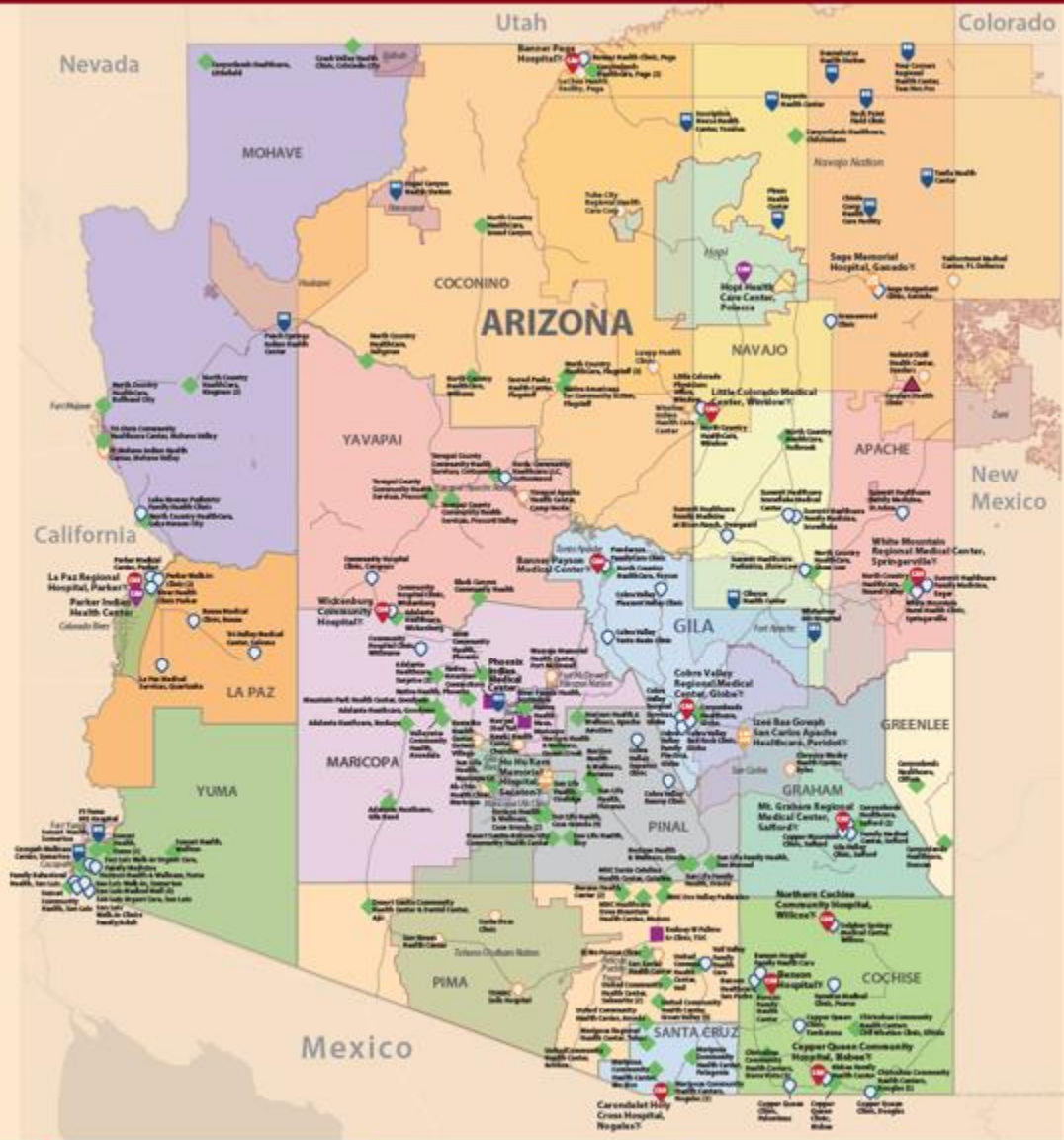


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Less Medicaid coverage increases the uninsured rate & uncompensated care especially for AZ safety net providers:

- 17 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs)
- 52 Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)
- 21 Health Centers in 172 FQHC Sites
- 15 Indian Health Service Hospitals and Clinics
- 18 Tribal-operated (P.L. 638) Rural Hospitals, Private Practices



Critical Access Hospital (CAH) (12)	Federally Qualified Health Center (72)	Rural Health Clinic (48)	SHIP participating hospitals (13)
CAH & Tribal Operated (P.L. 638 Site) (3)	Independent Tribal (1)	Tribal Operated (P.L. 638 Site) (18)	
Critical Access & IHS Hospital (2)	Indian Health Service (15)	Urban Indian Health Center (6)	

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Assuring a well-trained & distributed health workforce;

Improving access to health care and health insurance coverage;

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Day of Affirmation Address – June 6, 1966

University of Capetown, South Africa

Robert F. Kennedy

<https://www.jfklibrary.org/asset-viewer/day-of-affirmation-address-june6-1966>



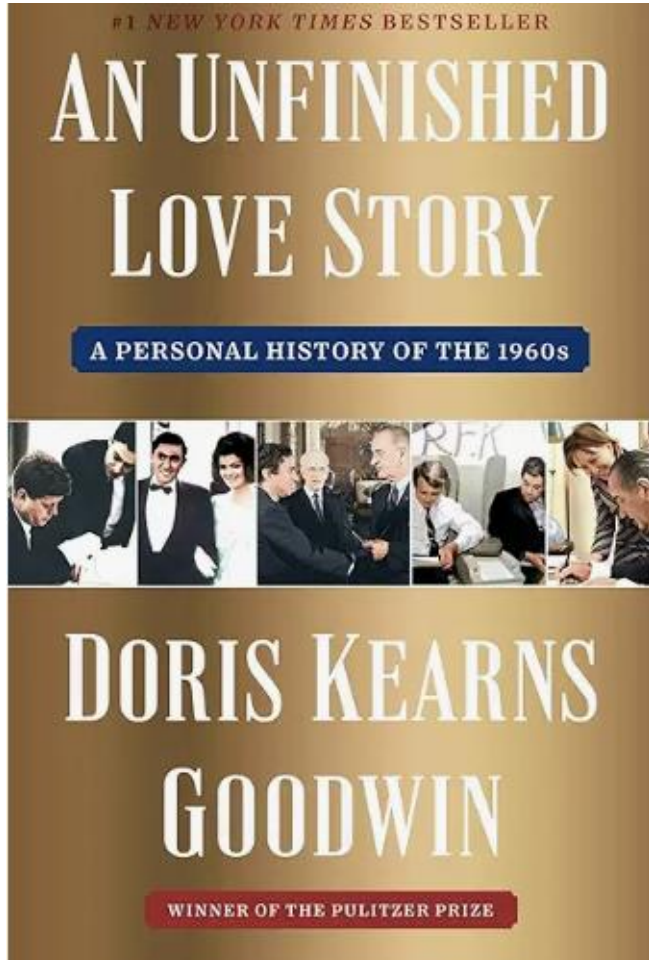
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“Give me a place to stand," said Archimedes, "and I will move the world."

Each time you stand up for an ideal, or act to improve the lot of others, or strike out against injustice, you send forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

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LBJ 36th President 1963-1969
Legislative Accomplishments

Civil Rights Act 1964

Clean Air Act 1964

Amendments to Social Security Act 1965

Medicare

Medicaid

Community Health Centers

Voter Rights Act 1965



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