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# Health Policy Updates from the Governor's Office

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**Why change policy?**

# Changing the world is hard.

**EXPLICIT CHANGE**  
Policy / Practice / Payment



**RELATIONAL CHANGE**  
Communication / Interaction

**IMPLICIT CHANGE**  
Ethos / Thinking / Identity

# Governor Hobbs' Priorities:

Healthcare that is **Accessible** to everyone.

Treatment that is **Affordable** to anyone in need.

Providers that are **Accountable** for delivering quality.

People have the **Freedom** and **Information** they need to make healthcare decisions.

# The past two years:

- Executive Orders protecting repro rights, LGBTQ+ individuals
- Paid parental leave pilot program for state employees
- Addressed rampant abuse & fraud in Medicaid fee-for-service
- Expanded KidsCare eligibility
- Took steps to allow pharmacists to dispense birth control
- Vetoed dozens of anti-vaccine bills
- Repealed a pre-statehood near-total abortion ban



# The past two years:



- Appointed a Chief Heat Officer
- Comprehensive health licensing reform
- Medical debt relief initiative
- New policies to improve reproductive & prenatal care in Medicaid
- Review of EHB Benchmark plan
- Reproductive rights website launch
- Talent Ready AZ to address workforce development initiative
- Traditional Healing coverage
- Justice Waiver
- Record investments in housing affordability

# This year:



## BIG ISSUES:

- Prop. 123 & Education Funding
- Avian Flu
- Federal Executive Orders / Funding Freeze
- Proposed Federal Budget Cuts
- SNAP/WIC/TANF
- Sensitive Area ICE enforcement
- Director confirmations
- DDD funding
- Surely more to come.

# 2025 Executive Priorities:

- Protect federal Medicaid funding.
- Family planning option - AHCCCS
- 12-month contraceptive dispensing
- Right to contraception & fertility treatment
- Implement health licensing reform
- Protect health & safety net programs
- Prioritize quality care





**Questions?**