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**Arizona CMS Navigator Awards Announced**

The Arizona Alliance For Community Health Centers (AACHC) has been awarded a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Health Insurance Navigator cooperative agreement (grant) for the ninth year in a row. AACHC is the only entity in Arizona that has received Navigator funding since the inception of the program.

Since 2013, Navigators have helped Americans understand their health insurance options and facilitated their enrollment in health insurance through the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM). As trusted community partners, their mission focuses on assisting the uninsured and other underserved communities. Navigators play an important role in connecting health coverage with communities that historically have experienced lower access to health coverage and greater disparities in health outcomes. Navigators provide unbiased information and application assistance in multiple languages. Entities and individuals cannot serve as federally certified Navigators without receiving federal cooperative agreement funding, authorized in the Affordable Care Act, to perform Navigator duties. Navigators have extensive training and are certified by CMS and licensed by the Arizona Department of Insurance.

AACHC works closely with our health centers and partners, including Cover Arizona – a broad coalition committed to increasing health coverage – on how to find affordable health coverage. Anyone looking for help with AHCCCS, KidsCare, and the Health Insurance Marketplace can call 800.377.3536 to connect with a Navigator or Certified Application Counselor or visit [www.coveraz.org/connector](http://www.coveraz.org/connector).

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The Arizona Alliance For Community Health Centers (AACHC) is the Primary Care Association for the state of Arizona. AACHC provides training and technical assistance to Arizona's health centers in support of their mission to deliver comprehensive, culturally competent, high-quality primary health care services to all Arizonans. AACHC represents Arizona's health centers who serve low-income, vulnerable, and underserved patients in rural and urban communities across the state. Arizona's health centers serve 740,000 patients annually, which represents over 10% of the state's population. Health centers provide primary care services including medical, dental, behavioral health, and pharmacy.



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