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Arizona faces its most important health care issue since the creation of our unique Medicaid system – AHCCCS - thirty years ago. Twice, the voters of Arizona have supported AHCCCS coverage of childless adults up to 100% of the Federal Poverty Level. My Medicaid Restoration Plan will not only honor the will of those voters, it will also provide critical health coverage to Arizona’s working poor, create thousands of quality jobs and reduce the impacts of uncompensated care upon our hospitals and Arizona families.

Let me thank you for the support of the Arizona Nurses Association in this important effort. I know many of you have e-mailed or met personally with your legislators as you ask for their vote in favor of restoration. But I still need your help. Your voices need to be heard!

I would appreciate it if you would contact your legislators by e-mail, by phone or by good old-fashioned letter to let them know that you support Medicaid restoration for childless adults. Share with them how the lack of health care coverage impacts your patients and leads to tragic results. Assure them that the cost-effective services provided to AHCCCS patients meet the standards of care and professionalism required for any patient.

As National Nurses Week approaches, I particularly want to thank you for your help and for the vital service and care you provide to Arizona citizens.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Brewer
Governor