

# Talking Points

## **Cost Effective**

- The proposed assessment will relieve the General Fund of the Prop. 204 burden, freeing funds for other state priorities
- Smart economic decision, injects \$2 billion into our economy, saves and creates thousands of jobs.
- This is the most cost effective way to restore the Prop. 204 population.
- Arizona voters have twice approved expanding AHCCCS coverage.
- We will allow hospitals to assess a fee upon themselves – using that revenue to leverage federal assistance. This is already done in 47 states, has been enacted by the City of Phoenix and is under consideration in other cities across Arizona.
- AHCCCS is part of the solution – gold standard for cost-effective, managed care.
- The other states need to model their Medicaid programs after AHCCCS – keeping health care affordable.

## **Reduces Effects of Uncompensated Care**

- Arizona families are paying nearly \$2,000 more in premiums due to uncompensated care.
- This “hidden tax” hurts Arizona’s families and businesses, and makes us uncompetitive.
- Need to protect rural and safety-net hospitals from uncompensated care.

## **Smart for Arizona**

- Expanding keeps Arizona tax dollars at home instead of paying for Medicaid expansions in other states.
- Circuit Breaker protects state from bait and switch; CMS has already indicated that expansion states can opt out at any time.