



2023 Legislative Session – Budget & Beyond

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2023 Budget

- DIY/piecemeal approach – lots of member-specific projects
- Lots of one-time \$, very limited ongoing
- One-time tax rebate for families with dependents: \$250 per child up to 3 children; \$100 for dependents over age 17. Based on 2021 tax liability.
- Lots of money bills moved but didn't make it in the budget
- Last minute deal – little time to digest before passage (becoming the norm)



Budget details

- KidsCare to 225% FPL (from 200%)
- Empowerment Scholarship Accounts – no cap
- Double Up Food Bucks
- K-12
- Housing trust fund \$150m
- Promise scholarship extension
- Mobile home relocation
- Home visiting - \$2.5m Nurse Family Partnership + prev. Healthy Families \$
- Extended foster care privatization program
- Repealing monetary sanctions for youth offenders



What's missing?

- Adult dental
- Benefits mining
- Kinship care move toward parity



AHCCCS Return to Renewals

- Update address through Health-e-Arizona Plus or health plan
- Look for notice from DES (possibly AHCCCS)
- 650k of 2.5m AHCCCS enrollees were in “COVID override”





Thank you for attending

Any Questions

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