



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY

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DDD-Tribal Health Program (THP)

Barriers to quality of healthcare access on Tribal Nations

- Approximately 511,000 American Indian/Alaska Natives adults have at least one disability (U.S. Census, 2020)
- 2019, 5.9% of AI/AN child had an unknown or undetected disability (Young, 2021)

Barriers:

Lack of Tribal, State and Federal disability programs awareness	Lack of navigation of the educational system
Undetected medical/cognitive/developmental disabilities	Rural access to medical care, providers and services



Division of Developmental Disabilities

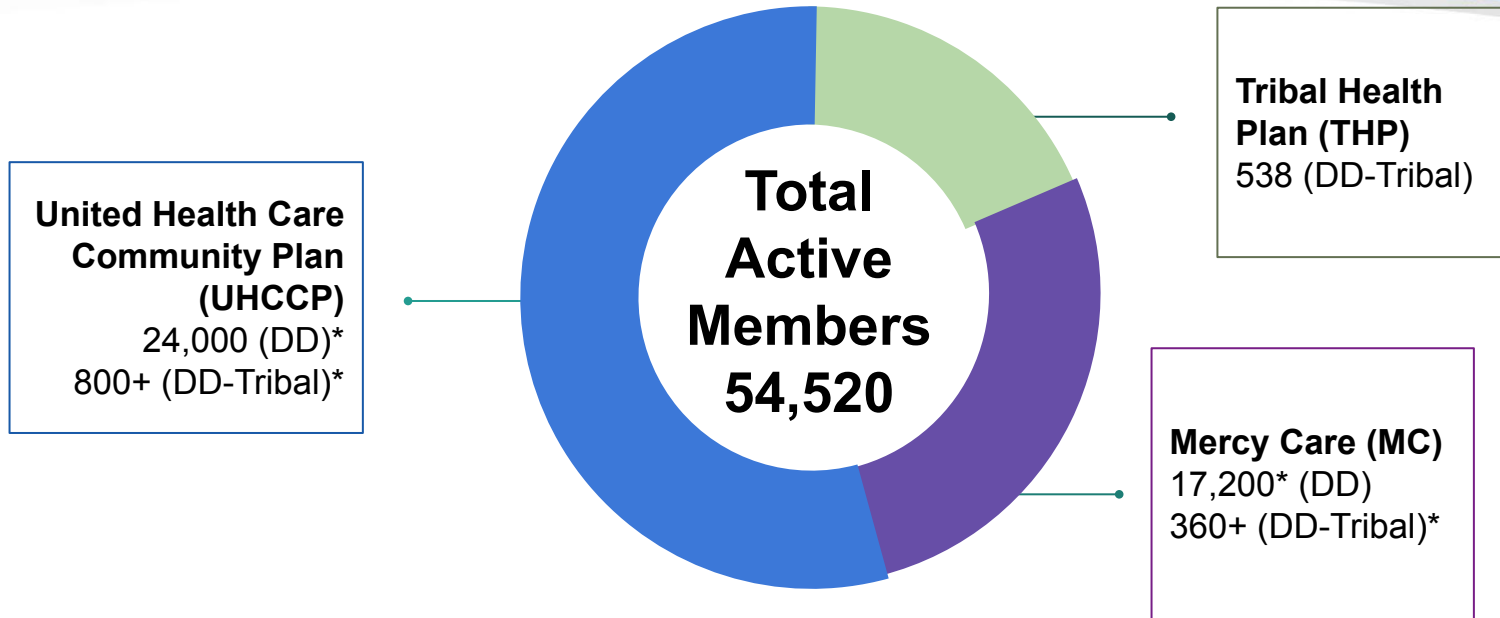


Arizona 22 Tribes



The Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) acknowledges the rich cultural and traditions of our diverse Developmental Disability tribal membership whom receives DDD and AHCCCS related services.

DDD Membership-Tribal and Non-Tribal



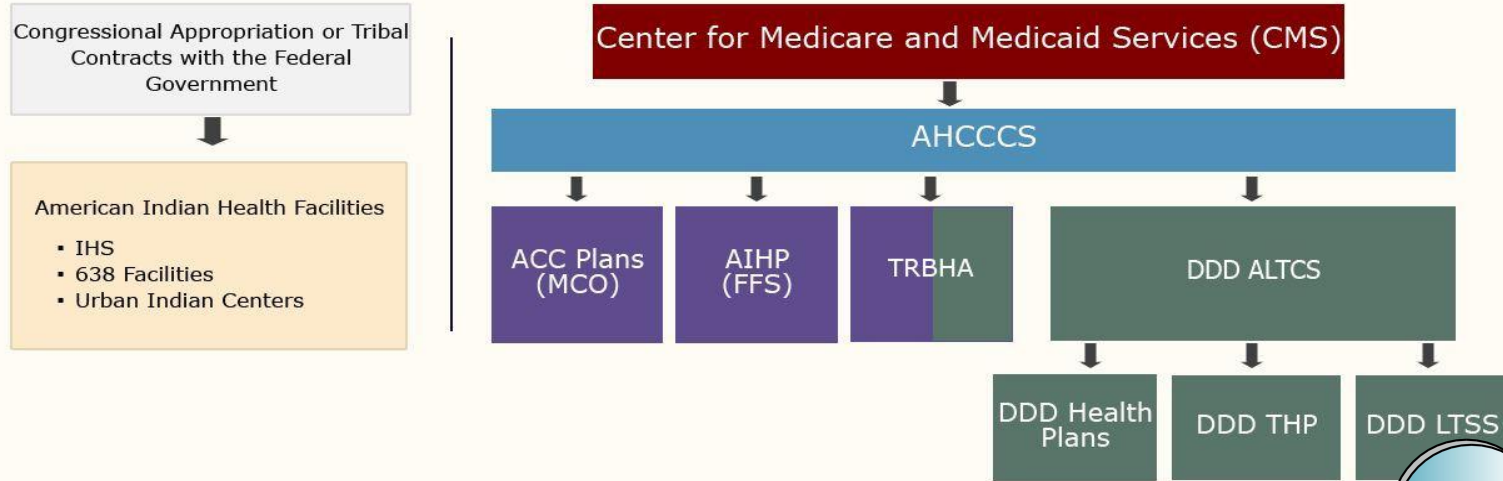
4.27%* DD Members American Indian/Alaska Native in Arizona

DDD Eligibility Criteria- Tribal Only

Intellectual Disabilities	At Risk	Autism	Cerebral Palsy (CP)	Epilepsy	Down Syndrome
40%*	25%*	20%*	10%*	3%*	<2%*
A term used when there are limits to a person's ability to learn at an expected level and function in daily life.	Under the age of six and at risk of having a Developmental Disability	ASD is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain. Problems with social communication and interaction and restricted or repetitive behaviors of interest	A group of conditions that affect movement and posture.	Abnormal electrical brain activity, such as seizure, kind of like an electrical storm inside your head	A condition in which a person has an extra chromosome

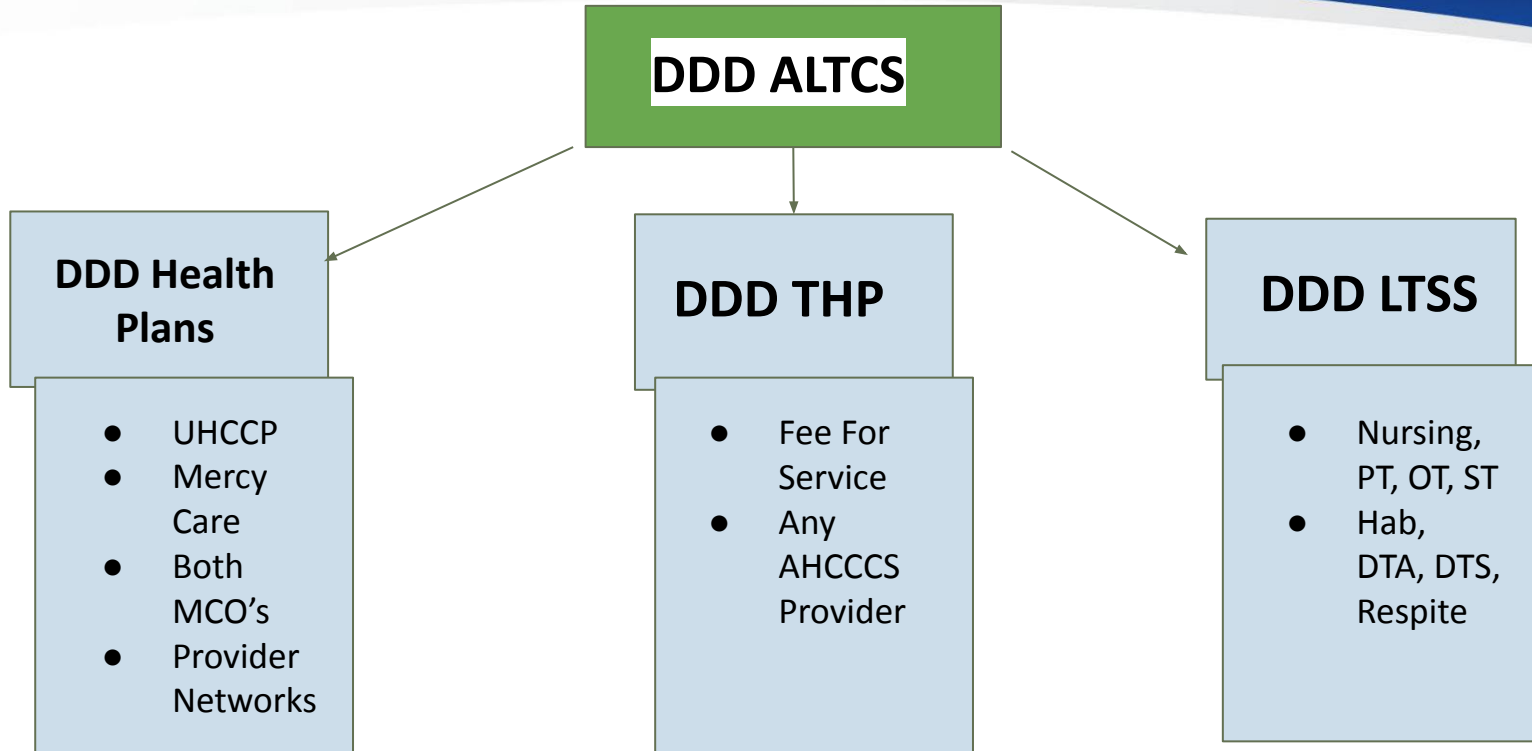
*Aggregated numbers in accordance with DDD Database (DDD, 2024)

Health Plans in Arizona



These DDD ALTCS healthcare plans and programs, plus the American Indian Health Facilities, and the TRBHA, are available healthcare options for tribally-affiliated members in the DDD ALTCS member category.

Health Plans in Arizona: Cont'.



DDD-Tribal Health Program



- Tribal Health Plan has been a health plan for years for our DDD Tribal membership.
 - On April 1st, 2022, the Tribal Health Plan (THP) for DDD member was transitioned under AHCCCS DFMS. DDD still provides oversight.
- The focus of THP is to provide an extensive customer service driven health care services to ensure quality and equitable services are received and delivered in a timely and professional manner to our enrolled Developmental Disability Tribal membership.

DDD- Tribal Health Program

The DDD Tribal Health Program (THP): is a fee-for-service program that allows eligible members to receive services at any AHCCCS registered fee-for-service provider in Arizona that sees fee-for-service THP Members.

Physical Health coverages	Behavioral Health Services	Durable Medical Equipment (DME)	Dental & Vision Care
Pharmacy Optum PBM	24hr Nurse advice line (480-267-7267)	Non Emergency Transportation (NEMT)	

Who are we?: “the Go-to-people”

Tribal Health Coordinator

- Collaborate to increase health awareness and education of the DDD program
- Establish and maintaining cooperative relationship with IHS/638 clinics, Health Care facilities, Tribal Health Programs, TRBHA, Tribal Epidemiology Programs

Tribal RN Liaison

- Collaborates with departments within DDD and AHCCCS to increase supportive nursing service.
- Ensure transition of healthcare supportive services are carried from discharged planning to home environments

Utilization Manager

- Oversees the health plan components
- Aligned with AHCCCS DFMS
- CCM can assist with discharge planning
- Currently on call RN for the plan

The “No Wrong Door” approach



- Fostering strong partnerships with other Health plans, Non-Profit organizations (Tribal), Tribal Health, Urban Indian entities and much more.
- Being visible
- Collaboration is Power

Division Supports available to AI/AN Members

Division Support	Description	Contact
DDD-Tribal Health Program (THP)	Fee-for-Service (FFS) Program allowing members to use any AHCCCS registered FFS provider. May require prior authorization.	Kim Pinkstaff, RN CCM Manager, kimpinkstaff@azdes.gov 480-267-7267 (Nurse Triage Line) or 480-327-8352
THP Integration FFS Provider Resources	FFS prior authorization and claims information post 4/1/22	Website here: bit.ly/ddd-ffs
DDD Tribal Relations Website	Information for Members, Providers, & FAQs	Website here: bit.ly/DDDTribalRelations
Tribal Health Program Coordinator	Health Care Services coordination for American Indian/Alaska Native members	Pharon Morgan, phmorgan@azdes.gov 928-270-7207 (Navajo/Pueblo)
Tribal RN Liaison	RN dedicated to tribal member health care services	Bernadette Etsitty, betsitty@azdes.gov 480-708-9776 (Navajo)
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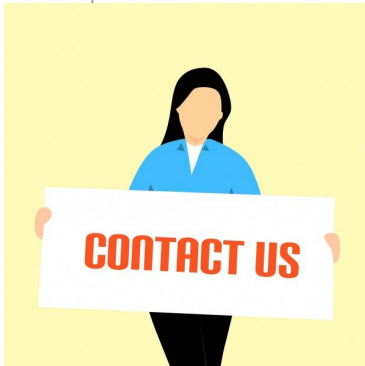
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