



Mercy Care Department of Child Safety Comprehensive Health Plan Implementation

Effective April 1, 2021, we are pleased to announce that the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS) and Mercy Care will be implementing a health plan for Arizona's children and youth called the Mercy Care Department of Child Safety Comprehensive Health Plan (Mercy Care DCS CHP). The Mercy Care DCS CHP is a program administered by the Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS). Mercy Care DCS CHP is the health plan for Arizona's children and youth placed in out-of-home care and leverages the relative strengths and expertise of the Department of Child Safety (DCS) and Mercy Care. Members are enrolled with Mercy Care DCS CHP by their custodial agency (the agency that placed them in out-of-home care). DCS is contracted directly with AHCCCS to provide covered services for Medicaid eligible children in foster care and accordingly holds ultimate decision-making authority and accountability for the services and population covered. Custodial agencies are:

- Arizona Department of Child Safety (DCS)
- Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC)
- Administrative Office of the Court/Juvenile Probation Office (AOC/JPO)

We look forward to serving these members in meeting their integrated health care needs. Informational meetings about this new plan are being scheduled for March. Please stay tuned for an invite to the Mercy Care DCS CHP Provider Forum in the near future.