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AHCCCS Administration works with several agencies in the State of Arizona. Together, we provide services and assistance in the eligibility process to customers. The following agencies work with AHCCCS Administration to determine eligibility:

- The Department of Economic Security (DES); and
- The Social Security Administration (SSA).

1) AHCCCS Administration

AHCCCS Administration responsibilities include:

- Oversight of the AHCCCS health care system;
- Administering some health insurance programs;
- Monitoring and coordinating other agencies, which are responsible for determining eligibility for AHCCCS Medical Assistance programs;
- Contracting with health plan networks and providers;
- Monitoring the quality of care provided by participating health care providers; and
- Maintaining the state's database of eligible members.

2) Department of Economic Security (DES)

There are several divisions within DES that participate with AHCCCS programs. The table below describes the main functions of each division:

Administration	Function
Family Assistance Administration (FAA)	<p>The FAA determines eligibility for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AHCCCS Medical Assistance; ● Cash assistance; ● Kinship Foster Care; ● General Assistance; ● Tuberculosis Control; ● Supplemental Payment Program; ● Refugee Cash Assistance; ● Refugee Medical Assistance Programs; and ● Nutrition Assistance. <p>NOTE Nutrition Assistance was previously known as Food Stamps.</p>
Division of Developmental Disability (DDD)	<p>DDD is the ALTCS program contractor for all developmentally disabled persons statewide. DDD is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Providing a variety of services to persons who have specific disabilities; ● Making eligibility determinations for DDD services on referrals from ALTCS; and ● Screening and referring developmentally disabled participants to ALTCS to obtain ALTCS funding for services provided by DDD.
Disability Determination Services Administration (DDSA)	<p>DDSA is the only agency in Arizona authorized to make disability determinations for the Social Security Administration and for the AHCCCSA.</p>
Comprehensive Medical Dental Program (CMDP)	<p>CMDP is contracted with AHCCCS as a health plan to provide medical services to foster children who meet the Title IV-E or Medicaid eligibility criteria.</p>
Division of Child Support Services (DCSS)	<p>DCSS is committed to helping children receive the support they are due. When a child does not receive financial support from one or both parents, the DCSS helps by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Locating the non-custodial parent; ● Establishing legal paternity; ● Establishing the legal support order; and ● Enforcing support orders and collecting child support

3) The Social Security Administration SSA

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is responsible for determining eligibility for SSI Cash assistance. SSI Cash recipients are automatically eligible for AHCCCS Medical Assistance. However, SSI Cash recipients must be determined to be medically eligible if ALTCS services are needed. The SSA also determines eligibility for Medicare and helps identify persons eligible for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP).

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AHCCCS Administration	AHCCCS Administration supervises the planning, implementation, and continued operation of AHCCCS.
Department of Economic Security (DES)	DES is responsible for determining AHCCCS Medical Assistance eligibility for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adults ● Caretaker Relatives; ● Pregnant Women; ● Children; ● Transitional Medical Assistance; and ● Title IV-E Foster Care or Adoption Subsidy.
Social Security Administration (SSA)	The SSA is responsible for determining eligibility for SSI Cash assistance. The SSA also determines eligibility for Medicare.

