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**VIA EMAIL - [engage@az.gov](mailto:engage@az.gov)**

The Honorable Doug Ducey  
Governor of Arizona  
1700 W. Washington St.  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Bill Signing of HB2442

Dear Governor Ducey:

I write on behalf of the member companies in the Arizona Association of Health Plans to thank you for your leadership and commitment to Arizona's foster and adoptive children with your signature on Jacob's Law (House Bill 2442). These children are Arizona's most vulnerable citizens, and they are our future. We applaud you for giving a voice to their caregivers – Arizona's foster and adoptive families.

Arizona's health plans are committed to ensuring that foster and adoptive children receive timely, appropriate behavioral health services. Working together with the state Department of Child Safety (DCS), our provider partners, and other stakeholders, we are streamlining the process for accessing care and making sure that families involved with DCS can confidently navigate the behavioral health system. We are expanding our provider network and tightening processes to eliminate treatment delays and ensure a robust array of services. We're pulling together caregivers, providers, and our DCS partners with trainings, community forums, advisory committees, and other events because we know that the future of Arizona's children is a collaborative effort. We've asked caregivers to contact us 24/7 if they encounter barriers to care, and we've provided avenues for ongoing communication and feedback.

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Children and youth in foster and adoptive care deserve nothing less than our unwavering commitment to their health and wellbeing. We know from experience that these children will thrive with the right care and services. We look forward to continuing to work with you to support Arizona's children and families.

Very truly yours,

ARIZONA ASSOCIATION OF HEALTH PLANS, INC.



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