
Northern AZ Concerns

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I realize that this comment is past the deadline. We who are working with the largest community north of the Grand Canyon did not receive notification of this proposed merger until just today and I believe our concerns should be considered.

We have had a very long struggle with trying to have our medical needs met on the Arizona Strip. Care1st finally arrived and has made access to services much better. They have come up and really learned about the needs and have diligently worked to help remove barriers to care. This has already had an incalculable impact for the better in a historically underserved, geographically isolated and historically impoverished area. I cannot overstate how important this work has been.

We are greatly concerned that unless services are maintained by Care1st in the north GSA that we will have to start over and all our progress will be lost. I implore you to accept the transition plan as it is submitted to allow Care1st to maintain the status quo for this region. I would be happy to address any questions you may have about the work that is happening here as well as any other questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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