

**Re: Northern AZ Concerns**

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To: Centene-WellCareMerger@azahcccs.gov

Wed, Sep 25, 2019 at 10:59 AM

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.

This community has struggled with the delivery of healthcare services. With the arrival of Care1st, our access to services have been significantly improved. Care1st has learned about the cultural needs of the community and have diligently worked to remove barriers to care. This has already had an invaluable impact for Creek Valley Health Clinic in improving the lives of a historically underserved, geographically isolated, and crucially impoverished area. I cannot overstate how much Care1st has provided to the community.

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 hope 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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On Wed, Sep 25, 2019 at 11:32 AM Shirlee Draper <sdraper@cherishfamilies.org> wrote:

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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