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Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association Won't File Healthcare Funding Initiative

Phoenix, Arizona – The Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association (AzHHA) has decided not to file a ballot initiative asking voters to establish a one percent additional tax on individuals' income over \$150,000 and couples' income over \$300,000. The initiative, called The Arizona Family Healthcare Act, was considered an option to preserve access to healthcare for eligible citizens by providing needed funds for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS).

“The Association will continue to work collaboratively with the Legislature and Governor Brewer to explore solutions to the current challenges associated with funding the state's share of expenditures for AHCCCS healthcare programs,” said John Rivers, AzHHA President and Chief Executive Officer.

About AzHHA

AzHHA is an organization of hospitals and healthcare systems dedicated to providing leadership on issues affecting the delivery, quality, accessibility and cost-effectiveness of healthcare. For more information, please contact Kristin Davis at kdavis@azhha.org or the following phone numbers: (602) 445-4318 (office) or (602) 561-9646 (cell).

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