

**BALLOT PROPOSITION #101**  
**Medical Choice for Arizona**

**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**Description**

Proposition 101 would amend the Arizona Constitution to prohibit the imposition of a penalty for choosing to obtain or decline health insurance coverage or for participating in any particular health care system or plan. Proposition 101 would also prohibit any law that restricts a person's choice of private health care systems or interferes with a person or entity's right to pay directly for medical care.

**Estimated Impact**

Proposition 101 is not estimated to have a state fiscal impact. The proposition may affect future operation of the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and state employee health benefits. The impact on these programs cannot be determined in advance.

The Arizona Department of Administration (ADOA), which administers state employee health benefits, indicates that it cannot provide a specific fiscal impact estimate. AHCCCS also cannot provide a specific fiscal impact.

**Analysis**

Under current statutes, those eligible for government health insurance programs are not required to participate. Should the state wish to do so in the future, the proposition would preclude the state from making enrollment in government health programs mandatory or from requiring individuals to obtain private health insurance. For example, the state would be unable to require mandatory enrollment in AHCCCS or Healthcare Group.

ADOA and AHCCCS state that they cannot provide a specific fiscal impact at this time. ADOA notes that the language of the proposition could have multiple interpretations. AHCCCS also notes that some interpretations of the language could impact AHCCCS programs.

**Local Government Impact**

The proposition is not estimated to have a local government impact because local governments do not typically adopt formal laws or ordinances concerning employee health benefits.

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