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HEALTH CARE

Arizona Care Network

A Better State of Care

Arizona Care Network has proven that smart policy coupled with deep compassion for patients produces meaningful results. The physician-led health care group, formed by a partnership between Dignity Health and Tenet Health Systems, provides coordinated care for some of Arizona's challenging patients. Two years ago, Arizona Care Network teamed up with Mercy Care Plan, which administers benefits for Medicaid patients, and Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care, the regional behavioral health authority for Maricopa County, to manage care for 100,000 Medicaid members, many of whom live with chronic problems and serious mental illnesses. The integrated approach to health had resulted in measurable outcomes, including savings of $14.4 million, decreased use of emergency care and reduced hospital admissions and re-admissions, said Dr. David Hanekom, the CEO of Arizona Care Network. "We must view health not as a condition, but a continuum. One's health impacts and is impacted by housing, education, employment, safety, and community. It's time we started viewing health care through an integrated lens," he wrote in a recent opinion piece.