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Horizon Receives Funding to Improve, Renovate, & Expand Services

Funds will help keep the Apache Junction community healthy and safe from the pandemic.

Apache Junction, AZ (November 5, 2021) — As part of the nearly \$1 billion in American Rescue Plan Act funds recently distributed to community health centers across the country, Senators Kelly and Sinema helped secure \$20 million for Arizona, which will provide the funding needed to improve, renovate, and expand COVID-19 services/projects to keep Arizonans healthy and safe from the pandemic.

US Senators Mark Kelly and Kyrsten Sinema recently announced the allocation of \$20 million to 23 facilities in Arizona. Among the awarded facilities is Horizon Health and Wellness in Apache Junction, receiving \$598,791 for its outstanding efforts in responding to COVID-19. Horizon was recognized for their work in implementing telehealth, conducting health care outreach to help reduce deferred care, and disseminating vaccine information.

“These funds will help health centers in every corner of our state continue to provide affordable, high-quality care to those who need it most as we continue to recover from this pandemic,” said Senator Kelly. “Today’s funding will strengthen Arizona’s public health response, provide critical relief for community health care workers, and protect the health of Arizonans across our state,” said Senator Sinema.

Since the start of the pandemic, Horizon has been providing the Apache Junction community with testing, vaccinations, and booster shots. “Horizon has made a significant difference in the health of our community, and this new funding will help us continue our commitment to public health” said Laura Larson-Huffaker, CEO of Horizon Health and Wellness.

The funding will allow Horizon to procure telehealth and online screening functionality to triage COVID-19 patients remotely, containing the spread of the virus. Telehealth tools will also be used to manage usual care for their patients who are already disproportionately affected by chronic conditions (e.g., diabetes, hypertension, mental health, substance use, etc.). This funding will allow Horizon to expand the quantity and quality of video visits, allowing providers to continue monitoring/managing preventive care – safely and conveniently.

To pre-register for COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and booster shots, visit Horizon’s website at www.hhwaz.org or call (833) 431-4449. Remember that it’s important to keep wearing your mask, washing your hands, and watching your distance – even after receiving vaccinations.

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About Horizon Health and Wellness

Horizon Health and Wellness is a non-profit integrated health care provider licensed in Arizona and accredited through the Joint Commission to deliver an extensive array of inpatient, outpatient, and residential services for all ages and stages of life. Horizon offers comprehensive health care services that include family medicine, emotional and behavioral health, addiction treatment, Telehealth and more. For more information, call (833) 431-4449 or visit www.hhwaz.org.