



## **AHCCCS Pays In-Home, Non-Medical Care**

(Prescott, AZ – July 2004) Non-medical in-home care, paid by AHCCCS, is now available in Coconino, Mohave and Yavapai Counties from The Caring Presence, through contracts with Evercare of Arizona, Inc. and Yavapai County Long Term Care. The Caring Presence was recently awarded a two-year contract with Evercare, to cover Coconino and Mohave Counties. The contract also allows family members to be paid for providing in-home, non-medical care to AHCCCS clients, if they work through a contracted provider like The Caring Presence.

The Caring Presence cares for people who need personal in-home help. “Working-age people who are recuperating from surgery, parents who need a hand if a child is sick, or seniors who need help to do chores or take a bath,” are all situations covered, says Jon Hoaglund, General Manager of The Caring Presence in Arizona. “Many of our clients are generally healthy people in their 50s or 60s who need help while recuperating from a surgery or illness. Others are seniors or disabled people living in their own homes, who need light chores taken care of.”

Evercare is a leading provider of care and care coordination through Medicare and Medicaid. The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) is Arizona’s Medicaid program, and the state’s healthcare program for people who do not qualify for Medicaid.

The Caring Presence’s services range from light housekeeping and meal preparation to personal care like bathing and dressing. Caregivers can take clients on errands, remind them about medication schedules, or just keep them company while the regular caregivers, such as parents or spouses, take a break. The Caring Presence offers services throughout the Flagstaff, Verde Valley, Prescott and Lake Havasu areas. For more information, please call (928) 771-0701.