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YOUR JULY/AUGUST 2005 issue quotes longtime Tucson business and community leader Dorothy Finley as stating that one of her pet peeves is “health benefits for companies with less than 50 employees. Our legislators need to work with small businesses and listen to their needs and wants . . .”

I would like to thank both Ms. Finley as well as *bizAZ* for bringing attention to the challenges facing small businesses looking for high quality and affordable health-care coverage. As it turns out, small business owners, including numerous entrepreneurs, do have a great option of which many are not aware: Healthcare Group of Arizona.

A state-sponsored, member-funded program for the self employed and small businesses, Healthcare Group provides a variety of reasonably priced, accessible health-care plans. Rates are not based on the health conditions of individual members. Premiums start as low as \$85 and there are numerous flexible, quality plans from which to choose. The payments can be funded by employers, employees, or both, and one plan option requires no primary care co-pays.

With almost a million working uninsured in the state, awareness of these options is crucial for entrepreneurs and their employees and families. Thanks for helping to spread the word!

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