

October 8, 2019

Governor Douglas A. Ducey
Office of the Governor
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Ducey:

A.R.S. 36-2903.03 requires all applicants to provide documentation to verify immigration status in order to qualify for Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) services and requires AHCCCS to report on its collection and verification of documentation submitted in accordance with this law. Accordingly, please find the following summary of the number of individuals for whom the administration verified immigration status using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

The Department of Economic Security (DES) is responsible for making the eligibility determinations for over 75% of the AHCCCS population. For this reason, it is important to recognize that DES conducts the vast majority of all immigration verifications on behalf of AHCCCS. The number of individuals for whom AHCCCS, in conjunction with DES, has verified immigration status using the SAVE program, can be found below. One fraudulent case was identified during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019.

SAVE DATA (2018-2019)						
AHCCCS 2018		DES 2018		HEAplus 2018		Total
July	89	July	556	July	1756	2401
August	85	August	673	August	2276	3034
September	49	September	428	September	2023	2500
October	117	October	317	October	5633	6067
November	93	November	202	November	1682	1977
December	151	December	187	December	973	1311
Total	584	Total	2363	Total	14343	17290
AHCCCS 2019		DES 2019		HEAplus 2019		Total
January	52	January	239	January	964	1255
February	7	February	211	February	663	881
March	2	March	208	March	628	838
April	1	April	240	April	565	806
May	6	May	195	May	536	737
June	6	June	168	June	482	656
Total	74	Total	1261	Total	3838	5173
YTD	658	YTD	3624	YTD	18181	22463

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A.R.S. 36-2903.03 also requires AHCCCS to report on the number of individuals, by citizenship status, referred for prosecution for violations of state or federal law. During SFY 2019, there were 20 individuals referred for prosecution; 18 involved citizens and 2 involved non-citizens. These individuals were referred for Fraudulent Schemes and Artifices; Fraud Schemes and Practices; Prohibited Acts; Penalties; Forgery; and Theft or Embezzlement Regarding Health Care.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional information or have any questions regarding the data included in this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jami Snyder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jami" and last name "Snyder" clearly distinguishable.

Jami Snyder
Director

cc: The Honorable Karen Fann, President Arizona State Senate
The Honorable Russell Bowers, Speaker, Arizona House of Representatives
Richard Stavneak, Director, Joint Legislative Budget Committee
Matt Gress, Director, Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting
Christina Corieri, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor