

August 25th, 2021

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, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Health-e-Arizona Plus (HEAplus) is the web-based eligibility system for AHCCCS Medical Assistance. 69% of Medical Assistance applications are completed by HEAplus without any worker intervention. The remaining Medical Assistance applications require intervention by a state worker, of which AHCCCS completes approximately 7% of total applications, and the Department of Economic Security (DES) completes approximately 24% of total applications. The number of individuals for whom immigration status was verified using the SAVE program can be found in the table below:

SAVE DATA (2020-2021)						
AHCCCS 2020		DES 2020		HEAplus 2020		Total
July	0	July	67	July	496	563
August	0	August	105	August	1,027	1,132
September	3	September	125	September	740	868
October	0	October	61	October	633	694
November	0	November	62	November	562	624
December	1	December	42	December	537	580
Total	4	Total	462	Total	3,995	4,461
AHCCCS 2021		DES 2021		HEAplus 2021		Total
January	0	January	58	January	503	561
February	4	February	68	February	440	512
March	2	March	50	March	381	433
April	1	April	64	April	303	368
May	1	May	94	May	276	371
June	2	June	95	June	305	402
Total	10	Total	429	Total	2,208	2,647
YTD	14	YTD	891	YTD	6,203	7,108

27 fraudulent cases were prosecuted during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021.

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 2021, there were 27 individuals referred for

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prosecution; 26 involved citizens and 1 involved non-citizen. These individuals were referred for Fraudulent Schemes and Artifices; Fraud Schemes and Practices; Forgery; and Theft.

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 Advisor, Office of the Governor