

September 14, 2022

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, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Health-e-Arizona Plus (HEAplus) is the web-based eligibility system for AHCCCS Medical Assistance. Seventy four percent 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 seven percent of total applications, and the Department of Economic Security (DES) completes approximately twenty four percent 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 (2021-2022)					
AHCCCS 2021		DES 2021		HEAplus 2021	
July	1	July	71	July	658
August	1	August	120	August	742
September	0	September	87	September	760
October	3	October	122	October	683
November	0	November	196	November	737
December	0	December	132	December	945
Total	5	Total	728	Total	4525
AHCCCS 2022		DES 2022		HEAplus 2022	
January	0	January	107	January	873
February	0	February	112	February	516
March	5	March	87	March	701
April	2	April	63	April	591
May	3	May	51	May	589
June	2	June	65	June	572
Total	12	Total	485	Total	3842
YTD	17	YTD	1213	YTD	8367

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Eight fraudulent cases were prosecuted during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2022.

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 2022, there were 13 individuals referred for prosecution: 12 involved citizens and one 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 that reads "Jami Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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
Art Harding, Director of Legislative Affairs, Governor's Office