

August 21, 2024

Governor Katie Hobbs
Office of the Governor
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Hobbs:

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. AHCCCS utilizes data from the Social Security Administration and other sources to verify citizenship in most applications; for individuals who claim non-citizenship, AHCCCS uses the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system to verify non-citizen status, as part of eligibility for the program. Accordingly, please find the following summary of the number of individuals for whom the administration verified immigration status using the SAVE program administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

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 five percent of total applications, and the Department of Economic Security (DES) completes approximately twenty one 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 (2023-2024) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| AHCCCS 2023 | | DES 2023 | | HEAplus 2023 | |
| July | 1 | July | 101 | July | 988 |
| August | 0 | August | 75 | August | 1288 |
| September | 1 | September | 52 | September | 1208 |
| October | 1 | October | 71 | October | 1785 |
| November | 2 | November | 70 | November | 1635 |
| December | 0 | December | 82 | December | 1650 |
| Total | 5 | Total | 451 | Total | 8554 |

| SAVE DATA (2023-2024) | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| AHCCCS 2024 | | DES 2024 | | HEAplus 2024 | |
| January | 2 | January | 86 | January | 1755 |
| February | 2 | February | 122 | February | 1718 |
| March | 2 | March | 104 | March | 1782 |
| April | 1 | April | 124 | April | 1993 |
| May | 1 | May | 123 | May | 1783 |
| June | 3 | June | 140 | June | 1612 |
| Total | 11 | Total | 699 | Total | 10643 |
| YTD | 16 | YTD | 1150 | YTD | 19197 |

Three fraudulent cases were prosecuted during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2024.

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 2024, there were three individuals referred for prosecution: three involved citizens and zero involved non-citizens. 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,



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- CC: The Honorable Ben Toma, Speaker, Arizona House of Representatives
 The Honorable Warren Petersen, President, Arizona State Senate
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