

September 28, 2018

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, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

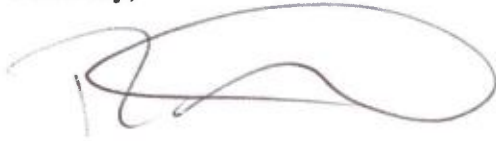
The Department of Economic Security (DES) is responsible for making the eligibility determinations for over 75% of the AHCCCS population. For this reason, it is important to recognize that DES conducts the vast majority of all immigration verifications on behalf of AHCCCS. The number of individuals for whom AHCCCS, in conjunction with DES, has verified immigration status using the SAVE program, can be found below. No fraudulent cases were identified during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2018.

SAVE DATA (2017-2018)						
AHCCCS 2017		DES 2017		HEAplus 2017		Total
July	132	July	1088	July	989	2209
August	180	August	1053	August	1235	2468
September	148	September	951	September	796	1895
October	338	October	937	October	383	1658
November	260	November	838	November	155	1253
December	179	December	979	December	254	1412
Total	1237	Total	5846	Total	3812	10895
AHCCCS 2018		DES 2018		HEAplus 2018		Total
January	372	January	898	January	1316	2586
February	251	February	747	February	713	1711
March	238	March	823	March	951	2012
April	51	April	605	April	721	1377
May	95	May	604	May	1254	1953
June	91	June	625	June	1004	1720
Total	1098	Total	4302	Total	5959	11359
<b>YTD</b>	<b>2335</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>10148</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>9771</b>	<b>22254</b>

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 2018, there were forty individuals referred for prosecution. Thirty-two involved citizens and eight 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 'Thomas J. Betlach', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Thomas J. Betlach  
Director

cc: The Honorable Steve Yarbrough, President, Arizona State Senate  
The Honorable J.D. Mesnard, Speaker, Arizona House of Representative  
Richard Stavneak, Director, Joint Legislative Budget Committee  
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