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Re: Citizenship/lawful presence verification of current enrollees

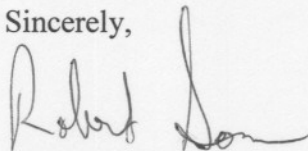
Dear Dr. Pattinson: *mick*

The Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services has issued a guidance document, ***ADHS/DBHS Guidelines to RBHAs and Providers for Verification of Citizenship/Lawful Presence for Currently Enrolled Non-Title XIX SMI Members***, to communicate ADHS/DBHS' expectations for RBHA and provider compliance with A.R.S. § 1-502. The guidelines have been posted online at the following location: <http://www.azdhs.gov/bhs/updates/index.htm>.

As indicated within the guidelines, RBHAs must complete the process of verifying citizenship or lawful presence of Non-Title XIX/XXI persons determined to have a Serious Mental Illness (SMI) within a specific timeframe. To assist RBHAs in accomplishing this process within the identified timeframe, ADHS/DBHS has completed a data match with the ADHS Office of Vital Statistics, DES and AHCCCS to determine whether citizenship/lawful presence has already been verified for Non-Title XIX/XXI, SMI individuals enrolled with NARBHA. The file has been placed on a secure server for NARBHA staff to retrieve. Please note that the file identifies those individuals where citizenship/lawful presence has already been verified (marked with "Y" in the citizenship column). The individuals who will require citizenship/lawful presence verification are identified with a blank space in the citizenship column.

Please review the guidance document and data file at your earliest convenience. Should you have any questions, please contact Margaret Russell at (602) 451-2387 or margaret.russell@azdhs.gov.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Director

CC: Dr. Laura Nelson, ADHS/DBHS
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