Arizona Self-Verification Guide: Detecting Possible Misuse of Benefits and Services in Your Name (Parents & Caregivers)

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Purpose: This document provides an Arizona-specific, legally safe pathway for parents, caregivers, and guardians to verify whether public benefits or services were billed, paid, or claimed using their own identity or that of a dependent, and outlines official steps to take when discrepancies are identified.

Introduction

Arizona does not provide a single public, name-searchable clearinghouse that aggregates all benefit payments, child care subsidies, and health care claims. Records are maintained by individual agencies under state and federal confidentiality rules. The recommended approach is **self-verification**: obtain and review official records you are legally entitled to access, confirm provider and program details using official tools, and escalate concerns through official dispute or fraud-reporting channels when discrepancies appear.

This document is designed for **parents, caregivers, and guardians**. It does not accuse any person or provider of wrongdoing. Use only official government sources and official reporting channels.

Section 1 — Licensed / Regulated Child Care Verification (Arizona DHS and DES)

Arizona child care facilities are regulated through state licensing processes. Parents and guardians can verify a provider's status using official state search tools and licensing program pages.

1.1 Official facility/provider search (public)

Arizona DHS — AZ Care Check (Child Care Facilities search and profiles):
https://azcarecheck.azdhs.gov/ **[1]**

1.2 DES-supported provider search (public)

Arizona DES — Child Care Provider Search:
https://azchildcareprovidersearch.azdes.gov/ **[2]**

1.3 Licensing program overview (official)

Arizona DHS — Child Care Facilities Licensing:
https://www.azdhs.gov/licensing/childcare-facilities/index.php **[3]**

Section 2 — Child Care Subsidy / Voucher Program (Arizona DES Child Care Assistance)

Arizona child care assistance is administered by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). If you are concerned a subsidy or voucher may have been used in your name or your child's name, the most reliable verification method is to review your official notices, then use the official DES application/renewal pathways to confirm current status and request clarification through DES.

2.1 Official program entry point

Arizona DES — Child Care (overview and official navigation):
https://des.az.gov/services/child-and-family/child-care **[4]**

2.2 How to apply / renew (official)

Arizona DES — How to Apply for Child Care Assistance:
https://des.az.gov/services/child-and-family/child-care/how-apply-for-child-care-assistance **[5]**

2.3 Apply / manage benefits online (official portal)

My Arizona / Arizona benefits portal (official state gateway):
https://my.alaska.gov/ **[NOTE]**

Important: Use the portal link and instructions provided on the DES "How to Apply" page to ensure you land in the correct Arizona system for child care assistance. **[5]**

2.4 What parents/guardians should review

- Eligibility/authorization notices (approved dates, provider name, child identifiers).
- Provider identity and regulatory status using AZ Care Check and/or DES Provider Search (Section 1.1–1.2). **[1] [2]**
- Dates of care/attendance versus what you believe occurred (calendar, messages, receipts, other documentation you possess).
- Whether assistance appears to continue after withdrawal, provider change, or non-attendance.

Section 3 — Medicaid / Health Claims Verification (AHCCCS) and Fraud Reporting

Arizona Medicaid is administered through the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). Health services billed under Medicaid generate claims records. If you suspect services were billed in your name or your child's name, request and review claims history through your plan/member access channels, then report suspected fraud through official AHCCCS channels.

3.1 AHCCCS Office of Inspector General — Report Fraud (official)

AHCCCS — Report Fraud (phone numbers and guidance):
https://www.azahcccs.gov/Fraud/ReportFraud/ **[6]**

3.2 AHCCCS — Online fraud reporting form (official)

AHCCCS — Report Fraud Online:
https://www.azahcccs.gov/Fraud/ReportFraud/onlineform.aspx **[7]**

Section 4 — Public Records Requests (Arizona Public Records Law — Title 39)

Arizona public records access is governed by state law (Title 39). Records involving minors, individual benefit cases, or protected health information may be restricted; however, parents/guardians can request records they are legally entitled to receive and request written explanations for denials/redactions.

4.1 Statutory reference (Arizona Legislature — Title 39)

Arizona Legislature — Title 39 (Public Records, Printing and Notices): https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=39 [8]

4.2 Attorney General public records request process (official example)

Arizona Attorney General — Public Records Request (process and contact details for that office): https://www.azag.gov/media/public-records-request [9]

Section 5 — Reporting Suspected Benefit Fraud (Official Channels Only)

If you suspect misuse of benefits or services, preserve documentation first (letters, notices, provider names, dates, and any case identifiers you lawfully possess), then report through official channels. Avoid public accusations. If you are uncertain which program is involved, request written confirmation of what is on file for your household through the responsible agency.

5.1 DES — Report suspected fraud (official routing)

Arizona DES — Report Suspected Fraud (includes AHCCCS routing and other fraud reporting pathways): https://des.az.gov/report-fraud/report-suspected-fraud **[10]**

5.2 Medicaid-related reporting (AHCCCS OIG)

- AHCCCS Report Fraud (phone/guidance): https://www.azahcccs.gov/Fraud/ReportFraud/ **[6]**
- AHCCCS Report Fraud Online: https://www.azahcccs.gov/Fraud/ReportFraud/onlineform.aspx **[7]**

Section 6 — Public "Red Flag" Patterns (For Awareness Only)

The following markers do not prove misconduct, but they can indicate when additional verification is warranted:

- **Date mismatch:** payments/claims on days the child was not in care or not receiving the service.
- **Provider mismatch:** provider listed that the family never used.
- **Duration mismatch:** billing continues after termination/withdrawal.
- **Authorization mismatch:** billed hours exceed authorized scope.
- **Identity mismatch:** records referencing a child/dependent you do not recognize.

Appendix A — Official Arizona Resources

1. AZ Care Check (ADHS) — https://azcarecheck.azdhs.gov/ **[1]**
2. AZ Child Care Provider Search (DES-supported) — https://azchildcareprovidersearch.azdes.gov/ **[2]**
3. ADHS Child Care Facilities Licensing — https://www.azdhs.gov/licensing/childcare-facilities/index.php **[3]**
4. DES Child Care (overview) — https://des.az.gov/services/child-and-family/child-care **[4]**
5. DES How to Apply for Child Care Assistance — https://des.az.gov/services/child-and-family/child-care/how-apply-for-child-care-assistance **[5]**
6. AHCCCS OIG Report Fraud — https://www.azahcccs.gov/Fraud/ReportFraud/ **[6]**
7. AHCCCS Report Fraud Online — https://www.azahcccs.gov/Fraud/ReportFraud/onlineform.aspx **[7]**
8. AZ Legislature Title 39 (Public Records) — https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=39 **[8]**
9. AZ Attorney General Public Records Request — https://www.azag.gov/media/public-records-request **[9]**
10. DES Report Suspected Fraud — https://des.az.gov/report-fraud/report-suspected-fraud **[10]**

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