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To: Area Agencies on Aging (AAA)  
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Subject: State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026 Allocations

*This ALERT is being published to revise and provide clarification on the Arizona Centralized Background Checks language in the current SFY 2026 contracts.*

The following ALERTS are attached:

<b><u>ALERTS</u></b>	<b><u>FUND SOURCE/TYPE</u></b>
ALERT SFY-26-9	Arizona Centralized Background Checks Policy

The ALERTS are subject to change as additional information is received by DAAS pertaining to the funding sources identified.

ALERTS are available on the DAAS page at: <https://www.azdes.gov/daas/alerts>

If applicable after reviewing these published ALERTS, please work with your assigned Contract Specialist to incorporate into an SFY 2026 contract operating budget and submit to DAAS, Finance and Business Operations Administration by close of business on November 7, 2025. Once budgets have been submitted to DAAS with the adjustments published in these ALERTS incorporated, contract amendments will be processed for billing purposes retroactively to allow for invoicing for services beginning July 1, 2025.

The AAAs may begin spending against these additional lines of funding beginning July 1, 2025. However, DAAS cannot reimburse those expenses until an executed contract amendment is on file.

Should you have any questions regarding the attached ALERTS, please contact your assigned Contract Specialist.

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**Area Agencies on Aging  
for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026**

Policy and procedure ALERTS are intended to notify Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) of newly developed or revised Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) Policies and Procedures.

**Special Terms and Conditions**

To provide clarity regarding the requirements and distinction between the Arizona Centralized Background Checks web portal and Federal Clearance Card language for federally recognized Indian tribes, the following will be added to the Special Terms and Conditions, section 6: Background Checks for Employment through the Central Registry, subsection 6.8 of the SFY 2026 contracts.

*Section 6.8:*

*“Federally recognized Indian tribes shall not be required to provide fingerprinting, fingerprint clearance cards, or verification of fingerprint clearance cards, provided that such Tribe has submitted a certification in accordance with A.R.S. §46-141(I) that states that personnel who are employed or who will be employed by the Tribe during the Contract term have not been convicted of, have not admitted committing or are not awaiting trial on any offense under A.R.S. § 46-141(G) (as may be amended).”*

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