

REFERENCE TITLE: **secure behavioral health facilities; appropriations**

State of Arizona  
Senate  
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Second Regular Session  
2024

## **SB 1068**

Introduced by  
Senator Shope

**AN ACT**

**APPROPRIATING MONIES FOR SECURE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Appropriations; Arizona health care cost  
3 containment system administration; secure  
4 behavioral health residential facilities;  
5 request for proposals; report; provider rate  
6 increase; exemption

7 A. The sum of \$25,000,000 is appropriated from the state general  
8 fund in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Arizona health care cost containment  
9 system administration for the support and construction of secure  
10 behavioral health residential facilities to be licensed pursuant to  
11 section 36-425.06, Arizona Revised Statutes. These secure behavioral  
12 health residential facilities shall provide secure on-site supportive  
13 treatment to persons who are determined to be seriously mentally ill, who  
14 are chronically resistant to treatment and who are placed in the facility  
15 by a court order issued pursuant to section 36-550.09, Arizona Revised  
16 Statutes. Three facilities shall be located in the central geographic  
17 service area, one facility shall be located in the north geographic  
18 service area and one facility shall be located in the south geographic  
19 service area. The Arizona health care cost containment system  
20 administration shall allocate up to \$5,000,000 for each recipient  
21 facility, prioritizing facilities that can open within twelve months after  
22 the effective date of this act. If the Arizona health care cost  
23 containment system administration does not issue a request for proposals  
24 by December 31, 2024, the administration shall report to the president of  
25 the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives the reasons why  
26 the request for proposals has not been issued and the administration's  
27 plans for issuing the request for proposals.

28 B. The sums of \$10,000,000 from the state general fund and  
29 \$18,768,700 from medicaid expenditure authority are appropriated in fiscal  
30 year 2024-2025 to the Arizona health care cost containment system  
31 administration for an ongoing secure behavioral health provider rate  
32 increase.

33 C. The appropriations made in subsections A and B of this section  
34 are exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised  
35 Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.