

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA  
EXECUTIVE ORDER

**Executive Order 2017-01**  
**Establishing Substance Abuse Program for Individuals Exiting Prison**

**WHEREAS**, studies have shown that more than 65% of the nation's inmates have a history of substance abuse; and

**WHEREAS**, substance abuse and addiction are key factors in recidivism; and

**WHEREAS**, reports have shown that over 50% of inmates have minor children; and

**WHEREAS**, children with parents who abuse drugs or alcohol are at increased risk of abuse, neglect, and addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, data shows that individuals with a history of substance abuse and addiction are more likely to contract blood-borne viruses which can result in significant public health implications; and

**WHEREAS**, treatment for substance abuse both before and after an inmate is released can help them break the cycle of addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, comprehensive substance abuse treatment including both counseling and medication assisted treatment can decrease the likelihood of future drug use, increase opportunities for employment, reduce recidivism, improve a person's relationship with his or her family, and decreased health risks.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Arizona hereby declare the following:**

1. The Directors of the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) and the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) shall implement a pilot program for medically suitable offenders with a history of opioid abuse, who are preparing for release, to voluntarily participate in a program that shall begin pre-release and

continue post release for substance abuse treatment that includes both counseling and medication assisted treatment.

2. On an annual basis, ADC shall report to the Governor's Office performance metrics, including recidivism rate of program participants.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

*Joseph R. Duje*

**G O V E R N O R**

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Ninth day of January in the Year Two Thousand Seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-First.

ATTEST:

*Michelle Reagan*

Secretary of State