

Department of Public Safety
Additional Information for AFA Committee
Background Check Information – Ref # 2374

Question received: On 3/1, we were asked about the background checks for Certified Nursing Assistants.

The Maine Background check center was created to address the needs of DHHS licensing standards review and federal requirements. That said, DHHS gets all background check information from the State Bureau of Identification (SBI). SBI acts as a conduit while also offering expanded information based upon fingerprint information when allowed under state and federal law. Certified Nursing Assistants program is authorized for name and DOB checks as of this date. It should be noted that there is not necessarily a duplication of work since DHHS reviews the criminal history information we provide in addition to other licensing standards to decide on licensure/certification. Not knowing what the whole DHHS process looks like we can't say if efficiencies could be gained.