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Here is the information I have on the Federal actions regarding the matricula --

GSA Suspends Recognition of Matricular Card - The General Services Administration (GSA) has suspended recognition of the "matricular consular cards." The matricular is an identification card issued by the Mexican government to its nationals in the United States. The matricular had been used by Mexican citizens to obtain social services, establish bank accounts, and procure other services while in the U.S. The identity documents have been issued to hundreds of thousands of Mexicans living in the U.S., including those that are here illegally. The matricular card can be obtained at one of the Mexican consular offices located in the U.S. by providing a birth certificate, an official ID photo and proof of residency. The GSA suspension means that the cards will no longer be accepted for identification purposes at federal facilities. Once the State Department, GSA and other agencies complete their investigation of the matricular, a formal recommendation will be made to federal law enforcement and security agencies to ensure the integrity of the information contained in the cards and the security of the document itself. After the investigation, the GSA will then reconsider its policy concerning acceptance of the cards at federal buildings.

I thought it was the GAO but it is the GSA who is conducting the study.

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