

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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SENATE BILL 1019

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For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW REGARDING MEDICAID; TO
CREATE THE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

*TO CREATE THE MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY
VERIFICATION SYSTEM.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

Subchapter 21 – Medicaid Eligibility Verification System

20-77-2101. Definitions.

*(1) "Arkansas Data Services Hub" means the Arkansas Data
Services Hub that provides an electronic method to verify:*

*(A) Age, residency, and child support information via the
Department of Finance and Administration;*

*(B) Age, marriage, and death information via the Division
of Vital Records of the Department of Health;*

*(C) Age, social security number, citizenship, and Medicare
coverage information via the State Online Portal to the Social Security
Administration;*

*(D) Employment earnings and unemployment benefit payment
information via the Department of Workforce Services; and*

*(E) Receipt of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
benefits;*



(2) "Federal Data Services Hub" means the Federal Data Services Hub that provides an electronic method to verify:

(A) Social Security number verification via the Social Security Administration;

(B) Citizenship verification via the Social Security Administration of the Department of Homeland Security;

(C) Incarceration verification via the Social Security Administration;

(D) Verification of income under Title II of the Social Security Act via the Social Security Administration;

(E) Quarters of coverage information via the Social Security Administration;

(F) Modified Adjusted Gross Income information via the Internal Revenue Service;

(G) Immigration status verification via the Department of Homeland Security;

(H) Indicators for lawful presence, qualified noncitizen, and five-year bar status via the Department of Homeland Security; and

(I) Public minimum essential coverage;

(3)(A) "Medicaid eligible" means an individual who is eligible for Medicaid benefits.

(B) "Medicaid eligible" does not include establishment of an entitlement to a particular benefit package or the reimbursement of a particular medical assistance; and

(4) "Supplemental manual verification investigation" means an investigation conducted by the Department of Human Services or its designee to gather information by methods such as contacting family members, employers, and medical facilities to verify information received via the Medicaid Eligibility Verification System.

20-77-2012. Medicaid Eligibility Verification System.

The Department of Human Services shall establish and maintain the Medicaid Eligibility Verification System that is designed to prevent fraud in the establishment and maintenance of Medicaid eligibility.

20-77-2013. Medicaid Eligibility Verification System – Requirements.

(a) Beginning concurrently with the establishment of live, full-time operation of the Federal Data Services Hub and the Arkansas Data Services Hub, the Department of Human Services shall deploy an automated eligibility verification system that electronically queries the Federal Data Services Hub and the Arkansas Data Service Hub under this subchapter.

(b) The department shall electronically query the Federal Data Services Hub upon receiving a Medicaid application and to the extent permitted by the Federal Data Services Hub for purposes of Medicaid eligibility renewal.

(c) If the Medicaid eligibility or continued Medicaid eligibility of an individual can be determined based on information received via the Federal Data Services Hub, the department shall determine eligibility and notify the applicant or recipient.

(d) If the Medicaid eligibility or continued eligibility of an individual cannot be determined based on information received via the Federal Data Services Hub, the department shall electronically query the Arkansas Data Services Hub and determine whether the information received from each Data Services Hub is:

(1) Reasonably compatible and establishes that the individual is Medicaid eligible;

(2) Reasonably compatible and establishes that the individual is not Medicaid eligible; or

(3) Not reasonably compatible.

(e) If the information received from the Federal Data Service Hub and Arkansas Data Service Hubs is reasonably compatible, the department shall enter an eligibility determination and inform the applicant or recipient of the decision.

(f)(1) If the information received from the Federal Data Service Hub and Arkansas Data Services Hub is not reasonably compatible, the department shall conduct a supplemental manual verification investigation.

(2) At the conclusion of the manual verification investigation the department shall enter an eligibility determination and inform the applicant or recipient of the decision.

(g) The department may adopt rules to implement this subchapter.

/s/J. Dismang