

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 474

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION THAT MAY BE OBTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM EXTERNAL DATA PROVIDERS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM AND SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THE INFORMATION THAT MAY BE OBTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES FROM EXTERNAL DATA PROVIDERS FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM AND SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-76-215, concerning program integrity in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(h) In order to improve the timeliness of benefit deliveries, operational efficiencies, and possible cost savings, the Department of Human Services shall directly obtain employment and income data assets from external data providers in real-time to help the Department of Human Services make required eligibility determinations for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2104, concerning Medicaid eligibility verification, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(g) To the extent allowable under state law and rules and federal law and regulations, in order to supplement data received from the Federal Data Services Hub of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Department of Human Services shall directly obtain real-time employment and income data assets, including additional information assets such as address confirmation, contact information, death, and incarceration pointer data, from external data providers, including third-party vendors of commercial systems, to maximize the cost benefit of the Federal Data Services Hub of the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services and to help the Department of Human Services make required eligibility determinations for Medicaid as required by federal law.