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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 65

AN ACT TO IMPROVE ENROLLMENT OF ARKANSAS CHILDREN IN THE ARKIDS
FIRST A AND B MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 65

Amend Senate Bill No. 65 as engrossed, S1/27/11 (version: 01/27/2011 09:15:03 AM)

Page 1, line 30, delete "unnecessary"

AND

Page 3, delete line 2 and substitute the following:

"(1) Maximize the use of data matches, online"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 9 through 34 and substitute the following:

"20-77-2003. ARKids First enrollment and renewals.

(a) The Department of Human Services shall perform the initiatives under subsection (b) of this section to increase ARKids First enrollment and renewals and position the state to compete for a performance bonus payment under the federal Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, Pub. L. No. 111-3.

(b) The department shall make best efforts to obtain approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the following:

(1) For each child enrolled in ARKids First A who becomes ineligible to complete his or her ARKids First A enrollment period for financial reasons, establishing a process to allow ARKids First B coverage from the date of ineligibility through the end date of the ARKids First A enrollment period;

(2) An ex-parte renewal process for ARKids First A and ARKids First B, in which the state performs the eligibility redetermination to the maximum extent possible based on information contained in the ARKids First file or by obtaining other information available to the state through other sources, such as income databases, before it seeks any information from the child's parent or representative; and

(3) An Express Lane Eligibility enrollment option that allows use of other public program databases and findings to reach and enroll children in the ARKids First A and ARKids First B programs.



SECTION 2. This subchapter shall be implemented only if and to the extent that the Department of Human Services can obtain the necessary waiver approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and that the required state general revenue to support these initiatives is made available."

AND

Page 4, line 1, delete "SECTION 2." and substitute "SECTION 3."

AND

Page 4, line 2, delete "August 30, 2011." and substitute "December 31, 2011."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator J. Jeffress

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