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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;



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

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

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

7           (C) Incarceration verification via the Social Security  
8 Administration;

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

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

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

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

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

19           (I) Public minimum essential coverage;

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

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

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

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31           20-77-2012. Medicaid Eligibility Verification System.

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

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36           20-77-2013. Medicaid Eligibility Verification System – Requirements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (3) Not reasonably compatible.

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

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

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

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

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36 /s/Bookout