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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 This bill would prohibit the Alabama Medicaid
6 Agency (the agency) from accepting certain self
7 attestations or eligibility determinations for
8 Medicaid.

9 This bill would require the agency to enter into
10 data matching agreements with certain state agencies to
11 cross-check Medicaid eligibility with other data
12 relating to income, employment, assets, and other
13 relevant information.

14 This bill would require the Department of Human
15 Resources (the department) to enter into data matching
16 agreements with certain state agencies to cross-check
17 food assistance eligibility with other data relating to
18 income, employment, assets, and other relevant
19 information.

20 This bill would require the agency and the
21 department to regularly review certain related federal
22 data to assess continued eligibility for public
23 assistance and, if necessary, act on any changes.

24 This bill would require the agency and the
25 department to regularly publish data relating to
26 investigations of fraud and noncompliance.

27 This bill would also require the agency and the
28 department to adopt rules.



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A BILL

TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

Relating to public assistance; to provide further for eligibility determinations for Medicaid; to prohibit certain self attestations for Medicaid eligibility; to require the Alabama Medicaid Agency to enter into data matching agreements with certain state agencies to cross-check Medicaid eligibility; to require the Department of Human Resources to enter into data matching agreements with certain state agencies to cross-check food assistance eligibility; to require the agency and the department to regularly review certain federal data for purposes of confirming eligibility for public assistance; to require the agency and the department to publicize data related to investigations of fraud; and to require the agency and the department to adopt rules.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the term "eligibility" refers to eligibility for participation in or receipt of benefits from Medicaid.

(b) (1) The Alabama Medicaid Agency may not accept eligibility determinations from an Exchange established under 42 U.S.C. § 18041(c).

(2) The agency may accept assessments from an Exchange



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established under 42 U.S.C. § 18041(c), provided that the agency verifies eligibility and makes eligibility determinations.

(c) Except where required by federal law, the Alabama Medicaid Agency may not:

(1) Accept self-attestation of income, residency, age, household composition, caretaker or relative status, or receipt of other coverage without verifying that information prior to enrollment; or

(2) Request the authority to waive or decline to periodically check any available income-related data sources to verify eligibility.

(d) The Alabama Medicaid Agency shall enter into data matching agreements to receive and review information that may indicate a change in circumstances that may affect eligibility and cross-check households enrolled in Medicaid with other state data sets as follows:

(1) On at least a monthly basis, information from each of the following:

a. The Alabama Department of Public Health, including, but not limited to, death records.

b. The Department of Human Resources, including, but not limited to, potential changes in residency as identified by out-of-state electronic benefit (EBT) transactions.

c. The Department of Corrections, including, but not limited to, incarceration status.

(2) On at least a quarterly basis, information from each of the following:



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a. The Department of Workforce, including, but not limited to, changes in employment, income, wages, assets, or disability status.

b. The Department of Revenue, including, but not limited to, potential changes in income, wages, or residency as identified by tax records.

(e) At least once a month, the Alabama Medicaid Agency must assess continued eligibility and act on any changes that may affect eligibility based on a review of data from the following federal sources:

(1) From the United States Social Security Administration, earned income information, death register information, incarceration records, supplemental security income information, beneficiary records, earnings information, and pension information.

(2) From the United States Department of Health and Human Services, income and employment information maintained in the National Directory of New Hires database and child support enforcement data.

(3) From the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, payment and earnings information.

(4) From the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, national fleeing felon information.

(f) On at least a quarterly basis, the Alabama Medicaid Agency shall make available on its public website all of the following data from findings on noncompliance and fraud investigations, provided the data is presented in the aggregate and does not include confidential or personally



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113 identifying information:

114 (1) The number of Medicaid cases investigated for
115 intentional program violations or fraud.

116 (2) The total number of Medicaid cases referred to the
117 Attorney General's office for prosecution.

118 (3) Improper payments and expenditures.

119 (4) Monies received.

120 (5) Aggregate data concerning improper payments and
121 ineligible recipients as a percentage of those investigated
122 and reviewed.

123 (g) The Alabama Medicaid Agency shall adopt rules to
124 implement and administer this section.

125 Section 2. (a) For the purposes of this section, the
126 term "eligibility" refers to eligibility for food assistance,
127 including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
128 (SNAP).

129 (b) The Department of Human Resources shall enter into
130 data matching agreements to receive and review information
131 that may indicate a change in circumstances that may affect
132 eligibility and cross-check households enrolled in food
133 assistance with other state data sets as follows:

134 (1) On at least a monthly basis, information from each
135 of the following:

136 a. The Alabama Department of Public Health, including,
137 but not limited to, death records.

138 b. The Department of Human Resources, including, but
139 not limited to, potential changes in residency as identified
140 by out-of-state electronic benefit (EBT) transactions.



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c. The Department of Corrections, including, but not limited to, incarceration status.

(2) On at least a quarterly basis, information from each of the following:

a. The Department of Workforce, including, but not limited to, changes in employment, income, wages, assets, or disability status.

b. The Department of Revenue, including, but not limited to, potential changes in income, wages, or residency as identified by tax records.

(c) At least once a month, the Department of Human Resources must assess continued eligibility and act on any changes that may affect eligibility based on a review of data from the following federal sources:

(1) From the United States Social Security Administration, earned income information, death register information, incarceration records, supplemental security income information, beneficiary records, earnings information, and pension information.

(2) From the United States Department of Health and Human Services, income and employment information maintained in the National Directory of New Hires database and child support enforcement data.

(3) From the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, payment and earnings information.

(4) From the United States Federal Bureau of Investigation, national fleeing felon information.

(d) On at least a quarterly basis, the Department of



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Human Resources shall make available on its public website all of the following data from findings on noncompliance and fraud investigations, provided the data is presented in the aggregate and does not include confidential or personally identifying information:

(1) The number of households investigated for intentional program violations or fraud.

(2) The total number of households referred to the Attorney General's office for prosecution.

(3) Improper payments and expenditures.

(4) Monies received.

(5) Aggregate data concerning improper payments and ineligible recipients as a percentage of those investigated and reviewed.

(6) The aggregate amount of funds expended by EBT transactions in each state outside of Alabama.

(e) The Department of Human Resources shall adopt rules to implement and administer this section.

Section 3. This act shall become effective on October 1, 2025.