

House File 258 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to required asset, income, and identity
2 verification for the Medicaid program, and including
3 effective date provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. MEDICAID PROGRAM — ASSET, INCOME, AND IDENTITY
2 VERIFICATION. The department of human services shall issue a
3 request for proposals to contract with a third-party vendor
4 to establish an electronic asset, income, and identity
5 eligibility verification system for the purposes of determining
6 or redetermining the eligibility of an individual who is
7 an applicant for or recipient of medical assistance under
8 the Medicaid state plan on the basis of being aged, blind,
9 or disabled in accordance with 42 U.S.C. §1396w. The
10 third-party vendor selected shall be able to demonstrate in
11 writing its current relationships or contracts with financial
12 institutions in the state and nationally. Participation by
13 financial institutions in providing account balances for
14 asset verification shall remain voluntary. The department of
15 human services shall submit a progress report, by September
16 1, 2017, to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
17 appropriations subcommittee on health and human services, the
18 legislative services agency, and the legislative caucus staffs.
19 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
20 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 This bill requires the department of human services (DHS) to
25 issue a request for proposals to contract with a third-party
26 vendor to establish an electronic asset, income, and identity
27 eligibility verification system to determine or redetermine
28 the eligibility of an individual who is an applicant for or
29 recipient of Medicaid on the basis of being aged, blind, or
30 disabled. The third-party vendor selected shall be able to
31 demonstrate in writing its current relationships or contracts
32 with financial institutions in the state and nationally.
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