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H. R. 8084

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

AN ACT

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to verify certain eligibility criteria for individuals enrolled for medical assistance quarterly, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Leveraging Integrity
3 and Verification of Eligibility for Beneficiaries Act” or the
4 “LIVE Beneficiaries Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. VERIFICATION OF CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**
6 **FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED FOR MEDICAL**
7 **ASSISTANCE.**

8 Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
9 1396a) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (a)—

11 (A) in paragraph (86), by striking “; and”
12 and inserting a semicolon;

13 (B) in paragraph (87)(D), by striking the
14 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

15 (C) by inserting after paragraph (87)(D)
16 the following new paragraph:

17 “(88) provide that the State shall comply with
18 the eligibility verification requirements under sub-
19 section (uu), except that this paragraph shall apply
20 only in the case of the 50 States and the District
21 of Columbia.”; and

22 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
23 section:

24 “(uu) VERIFICATION OF CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY CRI-
25 TERIA.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of subsection
2 (a)(88), the eligibility verification requirements, be-
3 ginning January 1, 2026, are as follows:

4 “(A) QUARTERLY SCREENING TO VERIFY
5 ENROLLEE STATUS.—The State shall, not less
6 frequently than quarterly, review the Death
7 Master File (as such term is defined in section
8 203(d) of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013)
9 to determine whether any individuals enrolled
10 for medical assistance under the State plan (or
11 waiver of such plan) are deceased.

12 “(B) DISENROLLMENT UNDER STATE
13 PLAN.—If the State determines, based on infor-
14 mation obtained from the Death Master File,
15 that an individual enrolled for medical assist-
16 ance under the State plan (or waiver of such
17 plan) is deceased, the State shall—

18 “(i) treat such information as factual
19 information confirming the death of a ben-
20 eficiary for purposes of section 431.213(a)
21 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or
22 any successor regulation);

23 “(ii) disenroll such individual from the
24 State plan (or waiver of such plan); and

1 “(iii) discontinue any payments for
2 medical assistance under this title made on
3 behalf of such individual (other than pay-
4 ments for any items or services furnished
5 to such individual prior to the death of
6 such individual).

7 “(C) REINSTATEMENT OF COVERAGE IN
8 THE EVENT OF ERROR.—If a State determines
9 that an individual was misidentified as deceased
10 based on information obtained from the Death
11 Master File, and was erroneously disenrolled
12 from medical assistance under the State plan
13 (or waiver of such plan) based on such
14 misidentification, the State shall immediately
15 reenroll such individual under the State plan
16 (or waiver of such plan), retroactive to the date
17 of such disenrollment.

18 “(2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing under
19 this subsection shall be construed to preclude the
20 ability of a State to use other electronic data sources
21 to timely identify potentially deceased beneficiaries,
22 so long as the State is also in compliance with the
23 requirements of this subsection (and all other re-

1 quirements under this title relating to Medicaid eli-
2 gibility determination and redetermination).”.

Passed the House of Representatives September 17,
2024.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.