

MAGI-BASED ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PLAN (Insert Medicaid, CHIP, or Both) State: Louisiana Last updated: 10/30/2019		Medicaid & CHIP Louisiana 10/30/2019	
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Section A. Verification Procedures for Factors of Eligibility

Eligibility Factor	Self-Attestation Accepted without Additional Verification (Y/N)	Self-Attestation Accepted with Post-Eligibility Verification (Y/N)	Electronic Data Source Used (Y/N)	Reasonable Compatibility Standard Used	Specify Reasonable Compatibility Standard for Income	Ask for a Reasonable Explanation from the Individual (Y/N)	Paper Documentation Required from the Individual (Y/N)	Comments
Income*	NO	YES	YES	Both are above, at or below the applicable income standard.  Percent Threshold	10%	YES	YES	Louisiana verifies self-attested income through the Federal Hub data. If individual self-attestation of income and the data match are both below the Medicaid/CHIP MAGI eligibility level, individual will be determined eligible for Medicaid/CHIP benefits. If individual self-attestation of income and data match are both above the Medicaid/CHIP MAGI eligibility level, individual will be determined ineligible and account transferred to FFM for APTC eligibility. If individual self-attestation of income is above Medicaid/CHIP MAGI level, but data match puts applicant below the Medicaid/CHIP MAGI eligibility level, individual will be determined ineligible and account transferred to FFM for APTC eligibility. If there is no database source available, self-attestation will be accepted. Self-employment income will be verified if reported income is below the Medicaid/CHIP MAGI eligibility level. If individual self-attestation of income is below the Medicaid/CHIP MAGI level, but data match puts applicant above the Medicaid/CHIP MAGI eligibility level, reasonable compatibility level of 10 percent will be applied. If less than 10 percent difference, data is considered reasonably compatible and individual will be determined eligible for Medicaid/CHIP benefits. If there is more than a 10 percent difference and individual can provide a reasonable explanation/paper documentation (either already indicated on the application, or after formal request from the state), the individual will be determined eligible for Medicaid/CHIP benefits. If there is more than a 10 percent difference and individual cannot provide a reasonable explanation/paper documentation, the individual will be determined ineligible for Medicaid/CHIP benefits the account transferred to FFM for APTC eligibility.
Residency	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	For the majority of cases, Louisiana will accept self-attestation. If a discrepancy that effects eligibility is discovered as a result of routine system checks for other eligibility factors (i.e. income), clear issue first with request for a reasonable explanation. Paper documentation would be last resort.

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Age (Date of Birth)	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	For the majority of cases, Louisiana will accept self-attestation. If discrepancy that effects eligibility is discovered as a result of routine system checks for other eligibility factors (i.e. income), then clear issue first with request for a reasonable explanation. Paper documentation would be last resort.
Social Security Number **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Louisiana uses the SSA connection through the Hub and the state's current electronic data sources are used as back up. Paper documentation is requested to clear discrepancies or when the system provides no definitive data.
Citizenship **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Louisiana uses the SSA connection through the Hub and the state's current electronic data sources are used as back up. Paper documentation is requested to clear discrepancies or when the system provides no definitive data.
Immigration Status **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Louisiana uses all three steps the SAVE connection through the Hub.
Household Composition	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	If Louisiana finds an inconsistency, the individual is asked to provide documentation to reconcile the data and the individual's attestation.
Pregnancy ***	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	
Caretaker Relative	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	
Medicare	NO	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	If Louisiana finds an inconsistency, the individual is asked to provide documentation to reconcile the data and the individual's attestation.

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Application for Other Benefits	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	For the majority of cases, the Louisiana will accept self- attestation. If a discrepancy is discovered that effects eligibility or if third party liability is discovered as a result of routine system checks for other eligibility factors (i.e. income), the individual will be asked to provide a reasonable explanation. If the explanation is not reasonable, the individual will be asked to provide paper documentation.
Other: (Please describe any other eligibility factors in the space below)								
TPL	NO	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	Louisiana has a contract approved with the vendor, HMS, to collect insurance information on active enrollees and to update MMIS and eligibility systems. Third Party Liability (TPL) is an Interface between the E&E System and Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS). This Interface will provide Third Party Liability information to the E&E System. The E&E System will use this information to update the health coverage of an individual.

\* States must check electronic data sources determined useful to verify income in accordance with 42 CFR 435.948 but can be done post-enrollment.

If the information obtained from electronic data sources and the information provided by or on behalf of the individual are both above, at or below the applicable income standard, the State must determine the applicant eligible or ineligible for Medicaid/CHIP. (NOTE: this option is prepopulated for the state and is not an option that can be changed).

\*\* States must follow statute, regulations, and guidance for verification of SSN, citizenship and immigration status including obtaining such information through the federal data services hub if available.

\*\*\* States must accept self-attestation of pregnancy unless they have information that is not reasonably compatible with such attestation.

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Section B1. Use of Electronic Data Sources

Financial:

Electronic Data Source	Determined Useful (Y/N) <sup>1</sup>	Accuracy Considered (Y/N)	Timeliness Considered (Y/N)	Ability to Access Considered (Y/N)	Age of Data Considered (Y/N)	Comprehensive Considered (Y/N)	Other Criteria Used (Y/N) (Please Describe in Comments section)	Data Source Used at Application (Y/N)	Data Source Used at Renewal (Y/N)	Data Source Used Post-Enrollment (Y/N)	If Data Source Used for Post-Enrollment - Frequency Used (e.g. monthly, quarterly)	Comments
1. Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	Other (specify in comments)	At initial application and at annual renewal, Louisiana will use the most recent record provided by the Internal Revenue Service. Records older than two years are not used.
2. Social Security Administration (SSA) (SSI, Title II)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Louisiana uses its real time connection to the Social Security Administration's SOLQ service for Title II information.
3. State Wage Information Collection Agency (SWICA)	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	Quarterly	
4. State Unemployment Compensation	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		
5. State Administered Supplementary Payment Program	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Program does not exist in Louisiana.
6. State General Assistance Programs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Program does not exist in Louisiana.
7. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Louisiana reviews specific income data and the corresponding verification code on SNAP file, not budgeting calculation.
8. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Louisiana reviews specific income data and the corresponding verification code on TANF file, not budgeting calculation.
9. Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Louisiana has determined this data sources of no financial use given child support is not a countable income in MAGI.

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10. State Income Tax	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Louisiana does not have access to, and has ended its efforts to secure data from, the Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR). The data is limited. It provides adjusted gross income (AGI), but does not report whose earnings are included. Aside from the total number of dependents, it does not provide any other data about the dependents. LDR also will not share information about others listed on the return that were not on the Medicaid application/MAGI household.
11. Commercial database: (Please describe any commercial databases in the space below)												
TALX-Work Number	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Louisiana utilizes this service through the HUB for applications and renewals that are submitted through the online system. The state will continue to use our separate contract with TALX for renewals, change requests, and case review purposes outside of our automated process.  The RRV service will be implemented in our new system expected in 2017.
12. Other: (Please describe any additional electronic data sources in the space below)												

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PARIS	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO		PARIS provides income verification for VA benefits, earned and unearned income. PARIS data is only available for Medicaid enrollees; as such, PARIS is only used at renewal.
SIEVS	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO		Collection of data which includes wage verification, old SSA/SSI history, access to WPTY, BENDEX, etc. Updates to this system are only available after the individual has been certified due to our processes; as such, State Income Eligibility Verification System (SIEVS), is primarily used at renewal. Houses PARIS.

1. Louisiana marked any criterion YES if they were considered in determining the usefulness of the electronic data source; however, the determination of whether the data source was useful/not useful did not rest solely on these criteria.

Section B2. Use of Electronic Data Sources

Non-Financial:

Electronic Data Source	To Be Used (Y/N)	Social Security Number	Citizenship	Immigration Status	Residency	Age/DOB	Pregnancy	Household Composition	Caretaker Relative	Medicare	Application for other Benefits	Other	Data Source Used at Application (Y/N)	Data Source Used at Renewal (Y/N)	Data Source Used Post-Enrollment (Y/N)	If Used for Post-Enrollment Frequency Used (i.e. monthly, quarterly)	Comments
1. Social Security Administration (SSA)	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		Louisiana gets social security number (SSN) and citizenship verification through the Hub. If a discrepancy is found, Louisiana may also use SSA to verify Application for Other Benefits or age/DOB; however, for the majority of time, self-attestation will be accepted without additional verification. Only used at renewal for Medicare.
2. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - SAVE	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO		Louisiana uses all three steps of the SAVE connection through the Hub.
3. Vital Statistics	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO		The EVVE vital statistics system is used to verify citizenship as a backup to SSA. If a discrepancy is found with age/DOB, Louisiana can use EVVE for verification.
4. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		No access
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO		Louisiana uses the TANF system information with other documentation available to verify a person's citizenship or Immigration status when unable to verify by other data sources or when a discrepancy occurs.

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6. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		Louisiana has an approved State Plan amendment effective July 1, 2016, to use the SNAP option for the streamlined enrollment of SNAP recipients. Louisiana obtains all information necessary for a Medicaid eligibility determination that is not contained in the case record for SNAP.
7. Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	Other (specify in comments)	Non-cooperation occurs when the active enrollee fails to cooperate with OCSE in establishing paternity and in obtaining medical support and payments. A sanction suspends benefits of the parent/caretaker relative and can be imposed for non-cooperation with OCSE.
8. State General Assistance Programs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Program does not exist in Louisiana
9. Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Not an electronic data source
10. State Income Tax	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Do not have access
11. Commercial database: <i>(Please describe any commercial databases in the space below)</i>																	
HMS	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	Other (specify in comments)	Effective September 1, 2016, Louisiana has a contract approved with the vendor, HMS, to collect insurance information on active enrollees and to update MMIS and eligibility systems.



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13. Other: (Please describe additional electronic data sources in the space provided below)																	
12. PARIS*	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES		Other (specify in comments) Louisiana conducts data matching through PARIS. The information is used primarily at renewal because responses through PARIS are typically available after certification.
* Under 42 CFR 435.945(d), all State Medicaid eligibility systems must conduct a match with PARIS for Interstate benefit information. If used for other purposes, please indicate in Section D.																	

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Section C . Additional Factors of Eligibility for Separate CHIP						
Eligibility Factor	Self-Attestation Accepted without Additional Verification	Self-Attestation Accepted with Post-Enrollment Verification (Y/N)	Electronic Data Source Used (Y/N) <i>If Yes, please describe in comments</i>	Paper Documentation Required from the Individual (Y/N)	Non-Applicable (N/A)	Comments
1. Applicant does not have other coverage	NO	NO	YES	NO	Must be Applied	Effective September 1, 2016, Louisiana has a contract approved with the vendor, HMS, to collect insurance information on active enrollees and to update MMIS and eligibility systems.
2. Applicant does not have access to affordable ESI					N/A	Not applicable to Louisiana
3. When child has had coverage (as applicable to states' waiting period)	NO	NO	YES	NO		This only applies to separate CHIP population.
4. Access to public employee coverage	NO	NO	YES	NO		Use of Louisiana Department of Employment and Training. The Work Number if available. Office of Group Benefits (OGB) listing of employers (PDF format). As a safeguard, OGB will match the individual's employer with their employer roll and not accept enrollment if public employee coverage is available. Notification will be issued to enrollee as to ineligibility. Louisiana has elected not to cover children of state employees with title XXI funds.
5a. Waiting period exception #1 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	NO		Lost insurance due to death of parent. Clear through SSA.
5b. Waiting period exception #2 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	NO		Lost insurance due to divorce of parent. Request proof from applicant/ enrollee.
5c. Waiting period exception #3 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	YES		COBRA ended. Request proof from applicant/ enrollee.
5d. Waiting period exception #4 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	YES		Lifetime maximum reached. Request proof from applicant/ enrollee or insurance carrier.
5e. Waiting period exception #5 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	YES		Lay-off or business closure. Department of Employment and Training, the Work Number. Request proof from applicant/ enrollee.
5f. Waiting period exception #6 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	YES		Changed employment. Department of Employment and Training, the Work Number. Request proof from applicant/ enrollee.
5g. Waiting period exception #7 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	YES		Employer no longer provides dependent coverage. Contact employer. Request proof from applicant/ enrollee.
5h. Waiting period exception #8 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	NO		Monthly family premium exceeds 9.5 percent of gross income. Internal calculation based on available data.
5i. Waiting period exception #9 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	NO		The premium paid by the family for coverage of the child under the group health plan exceeded five percent of household income; Internal calculation based on available data.
5j. Waiting period exception #10 (describe):	NO	NO	YES	YES		The child's parent is determined eligible for advance payment of the premium tax credit for enrollment in a QHP through the Exchange because the ESI in which the family was enrolled is determined unaffordable in accordance with 26 CFR 1.36B-2(c)(3)(v). Request proof from applicant/ enrollee.
6. Other eligibility factors or exceptions to eligibility factors: <i>(Please describe in the space provided below)</i>						
6a. Waiting period exception #11 (describe)	NO	NO	YES	YES		The child has special health care needs; Request proof from applicant/enrollee.

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Section D. Additional Verification Questions		

	Question	Response
1	If paper documentation is required when a data source is not available or the information obtained from a data source is not reasonably compatible with the information provided by or on behalf of the individual, briefly describe how the state determined that establishing and using an electronic data source was not effective, considering such factors as cost and program integrity in accordance with 42 CFR 435.952(c):	<p>Louisiana intends to use paper documentation in limited circumstances for determining eligibility: For income when electronic sources are incompatible with self-attestation and it would have an impact on eligibility; for citizenship and immigration. Other than income, Louisiana accepts self-attestation for many factors of eligibility and only requests paper documentation from the applicant if discrepancies are identified with internal data sources that cannot be resolved through other available data sources and a reasonable explanation from the individual; this will include proof of termination of private insurance for those programs sensitive to insurance until the State secures a new contractor for this service.</p> <p>Paper documentation required for waiting period exceptions 2,3,4,5,6,7, 10, and 11 as defined in Section C.</p>
2	Please describe how the state uses PARIS?	<p>PARIS is primarily used when changes are reported or at renewal. A file of all active enrollees is forwarded to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) on a quarterly basis. Data is available in this system the following month. PARIS provides income verification for VA benefits, earned and unearned income through the Department of Defense from anywhere in the United States, and out-of-state benefits. The information concerning out-of-state benefits is especially useful when attempting to locate enrollees at renewal. Once an enrollee's benefits are terminated, no updated information is received as closed enrollees are not on the quarterly file sent to DCFS. Louisiana houses PARIS in our SIEVS. Employees are granted access to PARIS through their request for SIEVS access and all related security issues are addressed in this manner. See Section B1- 12 and B2- 12.</p>

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3	<p>Please indicate (YES) or (NO) if the State intends to request Secretarial approval to solely use alternative data sources for financial verification other than those listed in 42 CFR 435.948 (Numbers 1-8 in Section B-1).</p>	NO
	<p>If (YES), please submit a letter to CMS requesting such approval describing how the state meets the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Reduces administrative costs and burdens on both individuals and the State,</li> <li>2) Maximizes accuracy and minimizes delay,</li> <li>3) Meets the requirements related to confidentiality, disclosure, maintenance and use of information, and</li> <li>4) Promotes coordination with other insurance affordability programs.</li> </ul>	
4	<p>Please indicate (YES) or (NO) if the State intends to request Secretarial approval to use a mechanism other than the federal data services hub for information that is available through the hub.</p>	NO

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	<p>If (YES), please submit a letter to CMS requesting such approval describing how the state meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Reduces administrative costs and burdens on both individuals and the State,</li> <li>2) Maximizes accuracy and minimizes delay,</li> <li>3) Meets the requirements related to confidentiality, disclosure, maintenance and use of information, and</li> <li>4) Promotes coordination with other insurance affordability programs.</li> </ol>	

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5	Describe any additional MAGI-based eligibility verification policies and procedures that have not been covered in this verification plan (optional):	

Section A. Additional Comments


Section B1. Additional Comments


Section B2. Additional Comments


Section C. Additional Comments

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Section D. Additional Comments

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