

MAGI-BASED ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PLAN

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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	NO	YES	Both are above, at or below the applicable income standard.  Percent Threshold	10%	YES	YES	If individual attests to income below the applicable standard and data indicates income above the applicable standard, but the difference between the two is 10% or less, we will consider the information reasonably compatible. If the difference is more than 10% we will request paper documentation. Will allow for reasonable explanation if employment ending in the month (March) before application was made (April). If an individual attests to income above the applicable standard and the data source indicates income below the standard, the individual will be ineligible and screened for APTC (Advance Premium Tax Credits).
Residency	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	In most cases Nebraska accepts self-attestation, however if attested information is inconsistent with information that the agency has from internal data sources, then additional data sources will be checked. If there is still an inconsistency after checking all available data sources, paper documentation will be requested.
Age (Date of Birth)	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	Paper documentation will be requested if the electronic data source (e.g. SSA, Vital Statistics, DMV) for age (DOB) is inconsistent with attested information.
Social Security Number **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	If information is not available from the Federal Data Services Hub (the Hub), paper documentation will be required from the individual.

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Citizenship **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	If information is not available from the Hub or from vital statistics, paper documentation will be required from the individual.
Immigration Status **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Nebraska uses all three steps of SAVE through the Hub's VLP service to verify immigration status. Paper documentation required only if immigration status cannot be verified through SAVE.
Household Composition	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	In most cases, Nebraska will accept self-attestation, however if attested information is inconsistent with information that the agency has from internal data sources, then additional data sources will be checked. If there is still an inconsistency after checking all available data sources, paper documentation will be requested.
Pregnancy ***	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	In most cases, Nebraska will accept self-attestation, however if attested information is inconsistent with information that the agency has from internal data sources, then additional data sources will be checked. If there is still an inconsistency after checking all available data sources, paper documentation will be requested.
Caretaker Relative	<b>YES</b>	NO	<b>NO</b>	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	In most cases, Nebraska will accept self-attestation, however if attested information is inconsistent with information that the agency has from internal data sources, then additional data sources will be checked. If there is still an inconsistency after checking all available data sources, paper documentation will be requested.
Medicare	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	If information is not consistent with data sources, then paper documentation will be requested.
Application for Other Benefits	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	If information is not consistent with data sources, then paper documentation will be requested.

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Other: (Please describe any other eligibility factors in the space below)	N/A							

\* 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	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Nebraska uses the Hub's connection to the IRS for FTI data at initial application and at renewal to the extent consent is provided.
2. Social Security Administration (SSA) (SSI, Title II)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		SSA Title II data is only useful for applicants or beneficiaries who are current pay. Nebraska only uses this data source post enrollment if a change occurs-that becomes known to the agency.  Nebraska receives 40 quarters information through State Verification and Exchange System (SVES) provided from SSA.
3. State Wage Information Collection Agency (SWICA)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		State Wage Information is useful to individuals/beneficiaries whose employer reports income to the Department of Labor. Nebraska only uses this data source post enrollment if a change occurred that becomes known to the agency.
4. State Unemployment Compensation	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		State Unemployment Compensation would only be used for clients/beneficiaries receiving unemployment compensation from Nebraska. Nebraska only uses this data source post enrollment if a change occurred that becomes known to the agency.

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5. State Administered Supplementary Payment Program	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Nebraska only uses state supplement (state supp.) data for applicants/beneficiaries receiving State supp. assistance. The frequency of use of the data source occurs if the household reports a change to Medicaid.
6. State General Assistance Programs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Nebraska does not electronically interface with GA programs.
7. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Nebraska only uses SNAP data for applicants/beneficiaries receiving SNAP assistance. The frequency of use of the data source occurs if the household reports a change to Medicaid. Nebraska is using raw income data not calculations.
8. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Nebraska only uses TANF data for applicants/beneficiaries receiving TANF assistance. The frequency of use of the data source occurs if the household reports a change to Medicaid. Nebraska is using raw income data not calculations.
9. Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		CSE data provides spousal support received, if paid through Nebraska. Nebraska only uses this data source post enrollment if the household reports a change to Medicaid or if the information becomes known to the agency.
10. State Income Tax	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Nebraska does not electronically interface with State Income Tax.
11. Commercial database: (Please describe any commercial databases in the space below)												
TALX/The Work Number / Equifax	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Nebraska uses its direct connection to this data source at application, post enrollment if a change is reported and at renewals.

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12. Other: (Please describe any additional electronic data sources in the space below)												
National Directory of New Hires	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		<p>National Directory of New Hires is only used for clients/beneficiaries that have income from another state. The frequency of the data source occurs case by case. An alert would be created and if necessary, verification may be requested. Once an application is pended interfaces are activated, including New Hire match, and any information available is posted to the eligibility system. This is available at the time of application once the applicant is pended. This data source is used at renewals.</p> <p>Nebraska would only use this data source post enrollment if a change occurred.</p>
PARIS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES		<p>PARIS information is received quarterly. The PARIS match collects data from three separate data matches: Federal, Veterans Affairs (VA) and Interstate. The Federal match provides information about recipients military and civil service benefits. The VA match provides information about veteran's pension and compensation benefits. The Interstate match provides information about recipient's possible receipt of duplicative Medicaid, TANF, Child Care and SNAP benefits issued by the 50 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.</p>

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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	<b>YES</b>	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES		Nebraska uses the Hub to verify SSN, citizenship, residency, age / DOB, Medicare and Other Benefits as applicable. Medicare and other benefits are verified post-enrollment if there is a change in circumstance that impacts eligibility reported. Nebraska uses the Hub connection to SSN to resolve inconsistencies with an individual's residency attestation if applicable.
2. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - SAVE	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		Nebraska uses all three steps of SAVE through the Hub's VLP service to verify immigration status. Paper documentation required only if immigration status cannot be verified through SAVE.  Immigration status is only reverified if the beneficiary has an immigration status subject to change.
3. Vital Statistics	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO		Nebraska uses vital statistic data to resolve inconsistencies in residency if applicable. Vital Statistics is used to verify Citizenship if no other electronic source is available.
4. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES		Nebraska uses DMV data at application, post-enrollment and at renewal to resolve inconsistencies in residency and age / DOB as applicable.

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5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		If information that will impact Medicaid eligibility becomes known to the agency through TANF, Medicaid is notified of the change as a "change in circumstance."  TANF data is used post-enrollment for change in circumstances and can be used at application and renewal for SSN, citizenship, immigration status, DOB, residency, pregnancy, household composition, caretaker relative and application for other benefits if needed to resolve inconsistencies. Nebraska only uses TANF data for SSN if the SSN has been verified with SSA and for citizenship and immigration status if they have been verified in accordance with Medicaid and CHIP rules
6. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		If information that will impact Medicaid eligibility becomes known to the agency through SNAP, Medicaid is notified-of the change as a "change in circumstance."  SNAP data is used for SSN, citizenship, immigration status, DOB, residency, household composition and Medicare if needed to resolve inconsistencies. Nebraska only uses SNAP data for SSN if the SSN has been verified with SSA and for citizenship and immigration status if they have been verified in accordance with Medicaid and CHIP rules.
7. Office of Child Support Enforcement	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO		Office of Child Support Enforcement data is used to verify caretaker relative and paternity. The Medicaid agency would be informed if the beneficiary is not cooperating with child support enforcement in which a sanction would be imposed. The frequency of post enrollment would vary case by case. This source will be used at application for paternity and cooperation and can be used for residency, and DOB if needed to resolve inconsistencies.
8. State General Assistance Programs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		
9. Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		
10. State Income Tax	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		

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11. Commercial database: <i>(Please describe any commercial databases in the space below)</i>																	
12. PARIS*	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	Quarterly	PARIS data match is received quarterly, is used as a lead only. If PARIS is available and current at renewal it will be utilized.
13. Other: <i>(Please describe additional electronic data sources in the space provided below)</i>																	
CMS: Medicare Part D interface	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO		<p>An alert is received whenever there is a change. The frequency depends case by case and how many changes occur.</p> <p>This source can be used for SSN, residency, and DOB if needed to resolve inconsistencies. Would also assist with exempting an individual from the citizenship verification requirement if the person has Medicare.</p> <p>Nebraska receives Medicare Part A and B information from this interface.</p> <p>Will only be used for SSN if the SSN has been verified with SSA.</p>

\* 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	YES	NO	YES	YES	Must be Applied	Nebraska does interface with Blue Cross Blue Sheild of Nebraska. If the applicant or beneficiary has BCBS of Nebraska it would be verified through an electronic data source. If Nebraska is unable to verify electronically or the applicant/beneficiary has other health insurance paper documentation is required. (e.g. if individual is covered through other insurance carriers) These verification procedures also apply to the state Medicaid Expansion component, according to title XXI.  The state will require paper documentation only if they cannot validate that individual has other coverage through electronic data source.
2. Applicant does not have access to affordable ESI					N/A	
3. When child has had coverage (as applicable to states' waiting period)					N/A	
4. Access to public employee coverage					N/A	
5a. Waiting period exception #1 (describe):					N/A	
5b. Waiting period exception #2 (describe):					N/A	

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5c. Waiting period exception #3 (describe):					N/A	
5d. Waiting period exception #4 (describe):					N/A	
5e. Waiting period exception #5 (describe):					N/A	
5f. Waiting period exception #6 (describe):					N/A	
5g. Waiting period exception #7 (describe):					N/A	
5h. Waiting period exception #8 (describe):					N/A	
5i. Waiting period exception #9 (describe):					N/A	
5j. Waiting period exception #10 (describe):					N/A	
6. Other eligibility factors or exceptions to eligibility factors: <i>(Please describe in the space provided below)</i>	N/A					

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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):	The state accepts self-attestation without additional verification for some factors of eligibility. For those that it doesn't, Nebraska will utilize electronic data matches to the extent possible. To ensure program integrity Nebraska will utilize paper documentation when information is not reasonably compatible or available electronically. Nebraska has many data sources, such as SNAP, TANF and Vital Statistics, that may be used to resolve inconsistencies (e.g for citizenship and SSN) before requesting paper documentation.
2	Please describe how the state uses PARIS?	PARIS information is received quarterly. The PARIS match collects data from three separate data matches: Federal, Veterans Affairs (VA) and Interstate. The Federal match provides information about recipients military and civil service benefits. The VA match provides information about veteran's pension and compensation benefits. The Interstate match provides information about recipient's possible receipt of duplicative Medicaid, TANF, Child Care and SNAP benefits issued by the 50 states, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico.
3	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).	NO
	If (YES), please submit a letter to CMS requesting such approval describing how the the state meets the following requirements: 1) Reduces administrative costs and burdens on both individuals and the State, 2) Maximizes accuracy and minimizes delay, 3) Meets the requirements related to confidentiality, disclosure, maintenance and use of information, and 4) Promotes coordination with other insurance affordability programs.	
4	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.	NO
	If (YES), please submit a letter to CMS requesting such approval describing how the the state meets the following requirements: 1) Reduces administrative costs and burdens on both individuals and the State, 2) Maximizes accuracy and minimizes delay, 3) Meets the requirements related to confidentiality, disclosure, maintenance and use of information, and 4) Promotes coordination with other insurance affordability	

	Question	Response
5	Describe any additional MAGI-based eligibility verification policies and procedures that have not been covered in this verification plan (optional):	Nebraska does require individuals to report changes within 10 days.

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