

## STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: South CarolinaCitation

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(sec. 8(f))

4.31 Disclosure of Information by Providers and Fiscal Agents

The Medicaid agency has established procedures for the disclosure of information by providers and fiscal agents as specified in 42 CFR 455.104 through 455.106 and sections 1128(b) (9) and 1902(a) (38) of the Act.

435.940

through 435.960

42 CFR

4.32 Income and Eligibility Verification System

- (a) The Medicaid agency has established a system for income and eligibility verification in accordance with the requirements of 42 CFR 435.940 through 435.960. (Section 1137 of the Act and 42 CFR 435.940 through 435.960.)
- (b) ATTACHMENT 4.32-A describes, in accordance with 42 CFR 435.948(a) (6), the information that will be requested in order to verify eligibility or the correct payment amount and the agencies and the State(s) from which that information will be requested.
- (c) The State has an eligibility determination system that provides for data matching through the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS), or any successor system, including matching with medical assistance programs operated by other States. The information that is requested will be exchanged with States and other entities legally entitled to verify title XIX applicants and individuals eligible for covered title XIX services consistent with applicable PARIS agreements.

SCDHHS transmits quarterly, a file of Medicaid applicants and recipients and non-applying members in active and pending budget groups to the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC). DMDC provides computer support services for the PARIS Project. DMDC matches this file with data from other participating states, as well as the Veteran's Administration and the Department of Defense.

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Currently SCDHHS has a signed agreement to receive the data matches with other states. There are no current signed agreements to receive VA and Department of Defense matches. Note: These agreements cannot be signed until DHHS is able to determine that the MEDS Security protocols are consistent with those set by the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Publication 800-53, Revision 1.

## Interstate Matches:

A response file is returned to DHHS that identifies Medicaid applicants and recipients who are receiving or have received Medicaid, TANF, SNAP, SSI, General Assistance, Workers Compensation, or child care in more than one participating state for the same period. The DHHS Medicaid Eligibility Determination System (MEDS) processes the incoming response file and makes the information received available through online screens. Eligibility workers are alerted to verify the whereabouts of the recipient during the overlapping period and terminate the Medicaid, if appropriate. At this time, the agencies that administer TANF, SNAP, General Assistance, Worker Compensation and Child Care do not participate, although there have been some requests for information from the Department of Social Services (TANF, SNAP, General Assistance, Child Care).

## Veteran's Administration:

The match with the Veteran's Administration would identify persons receiving VA compensation and pensions. This information would be made available to the worker for eligibility determinations and reviews. Workers would be alerted to determine if the receipt of VA compensation and benefits impacts the eligibility decision.

## Department of Defense:

The match with the Department of Defense would identify persons receiving Federal employee wages and pensions. This includes wages for active and retired military personnel and active and retired non-postal Federal civilian employees. This information would be made available to the worker for eligibility determinations and reviews. Workers would be alerted to determine if the receipt of federal wages and pensions impacts the eligibility decision.