

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	If attestation is below and the data source is above the applicable income standard. Percent Threshold	10%	NO	YES	The State applies the reasonable compatibility standard to attested data and information obtained via VAHI(IRS), VCI(Equifax), DOL, and TALX. If an individual attests to income below the applicable standard and data sources indicate income above the applicable standard, and the difference between the two is 10% or less, we accept attestation. If difference is more than 10%, the State will request paper documentation. If an applicant attests to income above the applicable standard, even if data sources indicate income is below the standard, the state will take the attestation, deny eligibility, and screen for APTC. The State will attempt to verify SSA income with SSA using the compressed verification process. If SSA returns income over the income limit, the applicant will be denied.
Residency	NO	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	State conducts post-eligibility verification using PARIS data. Adjudication of paper documentation, as necessary.
Age (Date of Birth)	YES	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	The State uses SSA and SVES data to verify whether the attested DOB and DOB in data source match. Adjudication of paper documentation, as necessary.
Social Security Number **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	The State uses SSA data at application and when individuals have reported incorrect or changed data on a case by case basis. Paper documentation is required if there is no match with electronic data source, and is not subject to exception, including copy of S55 application if applicable. Adjudication of paper documentation, as necessary.
Citizenship **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	The State uses SSA data at application and when individuals have reported incorrect or changed data on a case by case basis. Paper documentation required if there is no match with an electronic data source.

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Immigration Status **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	The State uses the Verify Lawful Presence (VLP) and SAVE interaces at application and when individuals have reported incorrect or changed data on a case by case basis. Paper documentation required if there is no match with an electronic data source.
Household Composition	NO	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	The State accepts attestation at application and will use PARIS data to verify post-enrollment whether any household member is receiving benefits in another state, in order to identify children for whom non-custodial parents are applying for coverage in Tennessee. Adjudication of paper documentation, as necessary.

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Pregnancy ***	YES	YES	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	The State accepts self-attestation of pregnancy status for the purpose of an eligibility determination, per regulation. If claims data from internal MMIS indicates that the woman is not receiving prenatal care, the state will follow-up with the enrollee.
Caretaker Relative	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	
Medicare	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	The State verifies Medicare eligibility using BENDEX data and other SSA data sources. If inconsistency is identified, SSA will be contacted manually. Historically, the state has never had to reach out to individuals to verify information.
Application for Other Benefits	YES	NO	NO		N/A	NO	NO	
Other: (Please describe any other eligibility factors in the space below)								
Incarceration	NO	YES	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	

* 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.

Section B1. Use of Electronic Data Sources

Financial:

Electronic Data Source	Determined Useful (Y/N) ¹	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	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		The State uses IRS data to make approval decisions if the IRS amount is reasonably compatible with the attested income. If not reasonably compatible, we will use other data sources or request paper documentation from the applicant.
2. Social Security Administration (SSA) (SSI, Title II)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	Other (specify in comments)	State receives daily SDX file, which it will continue to post enrollment. State uses SSA Hub data at application and renewal and SOLQ data and Bendex on an as needed basis outside of application and renewal.
3. State Wage Information Collection Agency (SWICA)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	Quarterly	
4. State Unemployment Compensation	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	Other (specify in comments)	Tennessee receives unemployment income weekly from the Department of Labor.
5. State Administered Supplementary Payment Program	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Does not exist in TN.
6. State General Assistance Programs	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Does not exist in TN.
7. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		The State does not use SNAP data currently to make eligibility determinations.
8. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		The State does not use TANF data currently to make eligibility determinations.
9. Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO		The State has cooperation data available from the TN Child Support Enforcement Agency.
10. State Income Tax	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		Tennessee does not have a state income tax.
11. Commercial database: (Please describe any commercial databases in the space below)												
Work Number	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		The State uses this data provided through the Hub and TALX services with Equifax.
12. Other: (Please describe any additional electronic data sources in the space below)												
BEERS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	Quarterly	

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IRS Disclosure of Information to Federal, State and Local Agencies (DIFSLA) Computer Matching Program	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO		IRS data. State considers this data source to be useful, but does not have a match at this time. State will update when the data source is available for use. Unknown at this time when data source will be available for use.

1. The state 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.

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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	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES		The State also uses SSA data obtained through other means, including SOLQi and BENDEX. Will use post-enrollment to correct data (SSN, age/DOB,-citizenship when individuals have reported incorrect or changed data on a case by case basis.
2. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - SAVE	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		The State uses SAVE as a secondary verification source when immigration status is unable to be verified through the Verify Lawful Presence (VLP) interface.
3. Vital Statistics	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	Monthly	The State uses this data source to verify dates of death.
4. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		
6. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		
7. Office of Child Support Enforcement	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO		

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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		
11. Commercial database: <i>(Please describe any commercial databases in the space below)</i>																	
13. Other: <i>(Please describe additional electronic data sources in the space provided below)</i>																	
12. PARIS*	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	Quarterly	The State uses PARIS data to identify when enrollees are receiving Medicaid in other state. Additional information request will be sent to the enrollee to confirm Tennessee residence.
13a. TN Department of Corrections	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	Other (specify in comments)	State receives the TN Department of Corrections file 3 times a year. Information from the file is used to follow-up with the enrollee.
13.b. Unemployment Data	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO		
13.c. Quarterly Wage Data	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO		

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* 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	YES	YES	YES	Must be Applied	The electronic data source used includes the TPL contractor's database. Paper documentation will be required to resolve inconsistencies. These verification procedures do not apply to the Medicaid Expansion program under title XXI. In those cases, the state asks for employer documentation if insurance is offered and uses the TPL database to verify .
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	NO	NO	NO	NO		
5a. Waiting period exception #1 (describe):					N/A	
5b. Waiting period exception #2 (describe):					N/A	
5c. Waiting period exception #3 (describe):					N/A	
5d. Waiting period exception #4 (describe):					N/A	
5e. Waiting period exception #5 (describe):					N/A	

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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>						

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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):	To the extent possible, all available data sources are used prior to requesting paper documentation. State also uses various back up data sources prior to requesting paper documentation.
2	Please describe how the state uses PARIS?	PARIS will continue to be used to verify residency for TennCare enrollees. The data is used to identify individuals who have moved to another state, or requested benefits in another state. The State uses the data to trigger verification notices that require proof of residency in Tennessee.
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 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.	

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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 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.	
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 (additional comments)
Section B1. Additional Comments (additional comments)
Section B2. Additional Comments (additional comments)
Section C. Additional Comments (additional comments)