

3.3 DATA RECEIVED BY FEDERAL DATA HUB AND FEDERAL DATA EXCHANGES

Regulations require that the Department take the necessary steps to safeguard information received from data exchanges with the Internal Revenue Service, Prisoner Match, BENDEX and BEERS by restricting access to it. See Section 3.4

For individuals applying for Medicaid and WV CHIP, the primary data source used by the Worker is the hub. When the hub returns no information or when discrepancies exist between an individual's self-attestation and hub information the Worker seeks verification from other electronic sources including those listed below. The reasonable compatibility provision applies to financial information. See Section 4.1.

A. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Through the federal data hub SAVE information related to citizenship/immigration information may be returned.

B. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

The Affordable Care Act provides specific authority at IRC Sec. 6103(l)(21) for the IRS to provide individual tax information for use in determining eligibility for Medicaid and WV CHIP. Through the federal data hub IRS information may include taxpayer identity, filing status, family size, MAGI income, and the tax year to which any such information relates, or that no information is available.

Through federal data exchange, the IRS unearned interest income is available on or around the 15th of each month. Information received includes asset and income information reported to IRS, income type, payee name and income amount. This information is not considered verified upon receipt for SNAP and is subject to independent verification for all programs.

The IRS information received is subject to the special procedural requirements in this Chapter.

C. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE REPORTING INFORMATION SYSTEM (PARIS)

The PARIS data match occurs quarterly. The System retrieves information from the Department of Defense (DoD) and completes an interstate and a Veterans' Affairs (VA) match. PARIS is also used in determining if an individual is eligible for federal health care coverage (TriCare or Champus) and reports third-party liability (TPL). Verification is received through Data Exchange and is compared to the information in the case record.

The client's SSN is used to retrieve the information. An electronic match may occur on one or more of the following:

1. Federal Match – A return on this match is initiated from the DoD and the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). The match indicates an individual is receiving income and includes records for active and retired federal civilian and military personnel. Health care coverage eligibility is also available in the federal match.
2. Interstate Match – A return on this match indicates an individual is enrolled for benefits in two or more states. Automatic disenrollment for the West Virginia program occurs for the matched individuals. If the individual is the primary person in the entire case, it will close.
3. VA Match – A return on this match indicates an individual is receiving income and medical assistance payments from VA. Compensation and pension data are provided along with third-party liability information.

The process is administered by the Office of Inspector General's Investigations and Fraud Management Unit (OIG). When OIG determines action is necessary by the Worker, he will be notified. The information received is considered verified upon receipt. The Worker has 10 days to take the action specified.

D. SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA)

Through the federal data hub, the SSN is considered verified for the Medicaid Groups and WV CHIP. Other information received by the hub may be citizenship, identity status, incarceration data, and receipt of Title II Social Security income.

Through data exchange, SSA provides the Department with information on pensions, earnings, net earnings from self-employment, RSDI, SSI and other related benefit information received through SSA.

1. System Generated**a. Beneficiary and Earnings Data Exchange (BENDEX)**

The BENDEX data exchange occurs daily. Information received includes Retirement, Survivors and Disability Insurance (RSDI) amounts and Medicare eligibility and premiums.

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Data exchanges include discrepancies between the eRAPIDS and SSA files and individuals who may also be receiving benefits in another state.

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b. Beneficiary Earnings Exchange Record System (BEERS)

The BEERS wage match data exchange occurs daily. Information received includes wages, pensions, and self-employment income. West Virginia employment is not included in this match. See Section 3.2 for this data exchange.

This information is not considered verified upon receipt for SNAP and is subject to independent verification for all programs.

c. Social Security Number (SSN) Verification Details

Verified SSNs are automatically indicated in eRAPIDS daily. Errors are identified and detailed information is made available to the Worker in eRAPIDS.

This information is considered verified upon receipt for all programs and is not subject to independent verification.

State Data Exchange (SDX)

The SDX match occurs daily. Information received includes details on SSI eligibility and benefits.

(1) SDX To Open

This match identifies individuals who receive SSI, but who do not receive Medicaid in eRAPIDS.

(2) SDX To Evaluate

This match identifies individuals whose SSI is being terminated, suspended, or closed. When SSI Medicaid is closed based on this information, the AG must be evaluated for all other coverage groups. See Section 2.11.

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(3) SDX Change

This match identifies individuals who have had a change in their payment amounts, payee name or addresses.

This information is considered verified upon receipt for all programs and is not subject to independent verification.

e. Forty (40) Qualifying Quarters Of Coverage Data Exchange

See Section 18.5 for the Alien Qualifying Quarters policy.

The Qualifying Quarters data exchange occurs daily. Information is automatically requested for persons included in the AG whose work quarters can be counted. The Worker must initiate requests for persons who are not in the AG, but whose work history can be used to qualify the alien for SNAP benefits.

This information is considered verified upon receipt for SNAP and is not subject to independent verification.

f. Prisoner Match Data Exchange

The Prisoner Match is available around the 3rd working day of each month. Information received from federal and state prisons includes length of detention, prison name, and release date.

When disclosure is prohibited by SSA, no details are provided.

This information is not considered verified upon receipt for any program and is subject to independent verification for all programs. The Worker must not take any action based only on the data received from this source.

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The Worker requests verification of the information through the prison system if the prison is identified. The verification request must clearly explain the information the Worker has and allow 30 calendar days for a response.

g. State Verification Exchange System (SVES)

Information about new applicants for Medicaid and WV CHIP is submitted to SSA through SVES. A response from SSA confirms whether or not the data submitted by the state is consistent with SSA data regarding citizenship. An alert will generate on a daily basis to inform the Worker if citizenship is inconsistent with SSA data.

2. Worker Requested

State On-line Query (SOLQ)

SOLQ provides direct access to SSA's databases. Information received includes SSN verification and SSI and RSDI details. Requests can be made only for individuals known to eRAPIDS within the previous 5 years.

This information is considered verified upon receipt for SNAP, and is not subject to independent verification.

NOTE: SOLQ system access is maintained separately from the eRAPIDS system. SOLQ is only available as a direct query from the Worker's TPX menu.

E. NATIONAL DIRECTORY OF NEW HIRES

Through a monthly data exchange, National Directory of New Hires provides the Department with wage information. This information must be reviewed before determining eligibility for SNAP at application and review.

This information is not considered verified upon receipt for SNAP, and is subject to independent verification.

NOTE: National Directory of New Hires is not acted on for Medicaid. If SNAP or TANF verifies information from the National Directory of New Hires, the resulting information will be acted on for Medicaid purposes as SNAP or TANF data.