



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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**HB4489**

by Rep. Patricia R. Bellock

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/11-5.2

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. In a provision concerning the Department of Healthcare and Family Services' Medicaid integrated eligibility system, provides that until the system is operational the Department shall (rather than may) enter into a contract with the vendor selected as necessary to obtain certain electronic data matching. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 11-5.2 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/11-5.2)

7 Sec. 11-5.2. Income, Residency, and Identity Verification  
8 System.

9 (a) The Department shall ensure that its proposed  
10 integrated eligibility system shall include the computerized  
11 functions of income, residency, and identity eligibility  
12 verification to verify eligibility, eliminate duplication of  
13 medical assistance, and deter fraud. Until the integrated  
14 eligibility system is operational, the Department shall ~~may~~  
15 enter into a contract with the vendor selected pursuant to  
16 Section 11-5.3 as necessary to obtain the electronic data  
17 matching described in this Section. This contract shall be  
18 exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code pursuant to  
19 subsection (h) of Section 1-10 of that Code.

20 (b) Prior to awarding medical assistance at application  
21 under Article V of this Code, the Department shall, to the  
22 extent such databases are available to the Department, conduct  
23 data matches using the name, date of birth, address, and Social

1 Security Number of each applicant or recipient or responsible  
2 relative of an applicant or recipient against the following:

3 (1) Income tax information.

4 (2) Employer reports of income and unemployment  
5 insurance payment information maintained by the Department  
6 of Employment Security.

7 (3) Earned and unearned income, citizenship and death,  
8 and other relevant information maintained by the Social  
9 Security Administration.

10 (4) Immigration status information maintained by the  
11 United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

12 (5) Wage reporting and similar information maintained  
13 by states contiguous to this State.

14 (6) Employment information maintained by the  
15 Department of Employment Security in its New Hire Directory  
16 database.

17 (7) Employment information maintained by the United  
18 States Department of Health and Human Services in its  
19 National Directory of New Hires database.

20 (8) Veterans' benefits information maintained by the  
21 United States Department of Health and Human Services, in  
22 coordination with the Department of Health and Human  
23 Services and the Department of Veterans' Affairs, in the  
24 federal Public Assistance Reporting Information System  
25 (PARIS) database.

26 (9) Residency information maintained by the Illinois

1 Secretary of State.

2 (10) A database which is substantially similar to or a  
3 successor of a database described in this Section that  
4 contains information relevant for verifying eligibility  
5 for medical assistance.

6 (c) (Blank).

7 (d) If a discrepancy results between information provided  
8 by an applicant, recipient, or responsible relative and  
9 information contained in one or more of the databases or  
10 information tools listed under subsection (b) ~~or (c)~~ of this  
11 Section or subsection (c) of Section 11-5.3 and that  
12 discrepancy calls into question the accuracy of information  
13 relevant to a condition of eligibility provided by the  
14 applicant, recipient, or responsible relative, the Department  
15 or its contractor shall review the applicant's or recipient's  
16 case using the following procedures:

17 (1) If the information discovered under subsection (b)  
18 ~~(c)~~ of this Section or subsection (c) of Section 11-5.3  
19 does not result in the Department finding the applicant or  
20 recipient ineligible for assistance under Article V of this  
21 Code, the Department shall finalize the determination or  
22 redetermination of eligibility.

23 (2) If the information discovered results in the  
24 Department finding the applicant or recipient ineligible  
25 for assistance, the Department shall provide notice as set  
26 forth in Section 11-7 of this Article.

1           (3) If the information discovered is insufficient to  
2 determine that the applicant or recipient is eligible or  
3 ineligible, the Department shall provide written notice to  
4 the applicant or recipient which shall describe in  
5 sufficient detail the circumstances of the discrepancy,  
6 the information or documentation required, the manner in  
7 which the applicant or recipient may respond, and the  
8 consequences of failing to take action. The applicant or  
9 recipient shall have 10 business days to respond.

10           (4) If the applicant or recipient does not respond to  
11 the notice, the Department shall deny assistance for  
12 failure to cooperate, in which case the Department shall  
13 provide notice as set forth in Section 11-7. Eligibility  
14 for assistance shall not be established until the  
15 discrepancy has been resolved.

16           (5) If an applicant or recipient responds to the  
17 notice, the Department shall determine the effect of the  
18 information or documentation provided on the applicant's  
19 or recipient's case and shall take appropriate action.  
20 Written notice of the Department's action shall be provided  
21 as set forth in Section 11-7 of this Article.

22           (6) Suspected cases of fraud shall be referred to the  
23 Department's Inspector General.

24           (e) The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to  
25 implement this Section.

26           (Source: P.A. 97-689, eff. 6-14-12; revised 11-12-13.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2           becoming law.