

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to require States to verify certain eligibility criteria for individuals enrolled for medical assistance quarterly, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

M____. _____ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “[_____] Act of
5 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. VERIFICATION OF CERTAIN ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**
2 **FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED FOR MEDICAL**
3 **ASSISTANCE.**

4 Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
5 1396a) is amended—

6 (1) in subsection (a)—

7 (A) in paragraph (86), by striking “; and”
8 and inserting a semicolon;

9 (B) in paragraph (87)(D), by striking the
10 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

11 (C) by inserting after paragraph (87)(D)
12 the following new paragraph:

13 “(88) provide that the State shall comply with
14 the quarterly eligibility verification requirements
15 under subsection (uu).”; and

16 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
17 section:

18 “(uu) **QUARTERLY VERIFICATION OF CERTAIN ELI-**
19 **GIBILITY CRITERIA.**—For purposes of subsection (a)(88),
20 the quarterly eligibility verification requirements, begin-
21 ning January 1, 2025, are as follows:

22 “(1) **QUARTERLY SCREENING TO VERIFY EN-**
23 **ROLLEE STATUS.**—The State shall, on a quarterly
24 basis, review the Death Master File (as such term
25 is defined in section 203(d) of the Bipartisan Budg-
26 et Act of 2013) to determine whether any individ-

1 uals enrolled for medical assistance under the State
2 plan (or waiver of such plan) are deceased.

3 “(2) DISENROLLMENT UNDER STATE PLAN.—If
4 the State determines that an individual enrolled for
5 medical assistance under the State plan (or waiver
6 of such plan) is deceased, the State shall disenroll
7 such individual from the State plan (or waiver of
8 such plan) and shall discontinue any payments for
9 medical assistance under this title made on behalf of
10 such individual (other than payments for any items
11 or services furnished to such individual prior to the
12 death of such individual).”.