



HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

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Asset Verification and Public Assistance Oversight

- This bill requires DHS to inform the legislature of their efforts related to the asset verification language that was passed last year. Last year, the language required DHS to contract with an outside vendor to verify assets for the aged, blind, and disabled Medicaid population. To date, the federal government has been dragging their feet in allowing this to be implemented.
- The bill also requires DHS to look into programs in other states that verify eligibility for Medicaid recipients in real time. If Iowa were to do this, then before Medicaid or other benefit recipients are approved for Medicaid, there would be a system in place to ensure they aren't getting benefits in another state. This would include the Family Investment Program, Food Stamps Program, and Child Care Assistance program.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 - Medicaid Asset, Income, and Identity Verification

This section requires DHS to report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2017 an update regarding the contract with a third party vendor to establish asset, income, and identity verification for certain people (aged, blind, disabled) in the Medicaid program.

Section 2 - Public Assistance Programs - Oversight - Directives to DHS

This section requires DHS to review and report to the General Assembly efforts to establish a pilot program looking for opportunities to reduce fraud in the Medicaid program by sharing data in real-time with other states about people trying to participate in welfare programs in multiple states.

Section 3 - Effective Upon Enactment