

MAGI-BASED ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION PLAN

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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	Both are above, at or below the applicable income standard.	N/A	YES	YES	When the applicant's income attestation is below the applicable income standard but data sources indicate that income is above the applicable income standard, then a reasonable explanation will be requested to explain the discrepancy. This includes a verbal or written statement from the applicant clarifying the difference. If additional verification is needed, then it will be requested at that point. If no electronic data sources are available, paper sources will also be used. When the applicant attests to income above the applicable income standard and data sources indicate that income is below the standard, then the state accepts the attested amount. The Notice of Case Action (NOCA) explains how income was calculated and offers an opportunity for individuals to dispute the income calculation if they disagree. New Mexico's regulations at 8.291.410.24 NMAC (citing 42 CFR 435.952(c)) allows exceptions for special circumstances on a case-by-case basis to accept self-attestation for all eligibility criteria when documentation does not exist such as homelessness, domestic violence, or a natural disaster.
Residency	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	If impacting eligibility, paper documentation required when attestation is inconsistent with other information received by the agency while not actively looking for residency.
Age (Date of Birth)	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	YES	YES	If impacting eligibility, paper documentation required when data is unavailable, incomplete or incompatible.

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Social Security Number **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Paper documentation required when data are unavailable, incomplete or incompatible. New Mexico uses SOLQ data feed for verification. The state does not use the Hub at this time. If unable to verify through SOLQ, New Mexico uses SVES.
Citizenship **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Paper documentation required when data are unavailable, incomplete or incompatible. New Mexico uses SOLQ data feed for verification. The state does not use the Federal Data Services Hub (Hub) at this time. New Mexico also has access to Vital Statistics data.
Immigration Status **	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES	Paper documentation required when data are unavailable, incomplete or incompatible. New Mexico uses its direct connection to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system through the Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) for immigration status verification. The state does not use the Hub at this time.
Household Composition	YES	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	While not actively looking for household composition, reasonable explanation and/or paper documentation required when attestation is inconsistent with other information received by the agency, if impacting eligibility. For the majority of individuals, accept self-attestation but if those same individuals are in TANF or SNAP, would use that source from the eligibility system to validate as appropriate. New Mexico's integrated eligibility system accepts household composition determined by SNAP/TANF programs.

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Pregnancy ***	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	
Caretaker Relative	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	While not actively looking for caretaker relative, paper documentation required when attestation is inconsistent with other information received by the agency, if impacting eligibility
Medicare	NO	NO	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	YES	Paper documentation required when data are unavailable, incomplete or incompatible.
Application for Other Benefits	YES	NO	NO	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	
Other: (Please describe any other eligibility factors in the space below)								

* 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.

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Section B1. Use of Electronic Data Sources

Financial:

Electronic Data Source	Determined Useful (Y/N)	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	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	Monthly	NM will not use IRS FTI data as a financial data source at application.
2. Social Security Administration (SSA) (SSI, Title II)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		NM accesses this data via SOLQ. New Mexico's SOLQ-I connection is real-time and provides real-time verification of citizenship, Title II
3. State Wage Information Collection Agency (SWICA)	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		
4. State Unemployment Compensation	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		

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5. State Administered Supplementary Payment Program	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Response based on data from the state's Adult Residential Shelter Care Home (ARSCH) program.
6. State General Assistance Programs	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		
7. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Only utilizing to confirm wage data, but may also use to verify household composition. New Mexico's integrated eligibility system accepts household composition determined by SNAP/TANF programs.
8. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		Only utilizing to confirm wage data, but may also use to verify household composition. New Mexico's integrated eligibility system accepts household composition determined by SNAP/TANF programs.
9. Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		
10. State Income Tax	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO		NM does not have access to accurate, timely, current or comprehensive state income tax

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11. Commercial database: (Please describe any commercial databases in the space below)												
Work Number (TALX)	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO		New Mexico has real-time access to TALX through the state's integrated eligibility system; and through the TALX website for real-time
12. Other: (Please describe any additional electronic data sources in the space below)												
PARIS	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	Quarterly	Data is used to determine if a beneficiary has federal income from the Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA), Department of Defense (DoD), or Office of Personnel Management.

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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	NO		
2. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - SAVE	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		New Mexico verifies immigration status through its direct connection to DHS' SAVE system.
3. Vital Statistics	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	YES	Monthly	NM uses Vital Statistics data for date of death post-enrollment.

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4. Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO		DMV data used to verify identity if needed as part of citizenship verification. Used for residency only when existing data indicates an inconsistency.
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		Used for household composition for select applications in which the individuals are already within the SNAP and TANF system, as applicable. Otherwise, would continue to rely on self-attestation. The integration with SNAP and TANF will have the existing data integrated with the application data.

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6. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		Used for household composition for select applications in which the individuals are already within the SNAP and TANF system, as applicable. Otherwise, would continue to rely on self-attestation. The integration with SNAP and TANF will have the existing data integrated with the application data.
7. Office of Child Support Enforcement	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	Monthly	Used for household composition for select applications in which the individuals are already within the integrated eligibility system (ASPEN), as applicable, only when existing data indicates an inconsistency. Data is used post-enrollment to determine cooperation with medical support assignment of rights.
8. State General Assistance Programs	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO		Used for household composition for select applications in which the individuals are already within the SNAP, TANF and State General Assistance system, as applicable.

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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	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	Quarterly	Checking for enrollment of benefits in other states and for receipt of federal health care coverage.

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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.

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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	NO	NO	NO		This section is not applicable to New Mexico. The state does not operate a separate CHIP program.
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					N/A	
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	

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5e. Waiting period exception #5 (describe):					N/A	
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):	The state accepts self-attestation without additional verification for many factors of eligibility. For those that it doesn't, all available data sources will be used to verify or resolve inconsistencies, and a reasonable explanation will generally be requested prior to requesting paper documentation from the individual. Paper documentation of current income will be requested from applicants when reasonable compatibility standards are not met to ensure compliance with state and federal Medicaid program integrity regulations.

	Question	Response
2	Please describe how the state uses PARIS?	New Mexico checks PARIS to confirm enrollment in other states for all applicants and beneficiaries. Individuals who are discovered through the PARIS match file as potentially receiving Medicaid in another state are sent a notice requesting residency verification. This is the primary circumstance in which the state requests additional information, and is needed since a household's circumstances may have changed during the quarter (<i>i.e.</i> , Individual shows up in PARIS data as receiving benefits in another state but the individual can show that he/she recently moved to New Mexico). Since PARIS data is not real-time and only available on a predetermined quarterly basis, it is not considered a current data source. Additional information will always be sought from individuals who show up in the PARIS data to afford them an opportunity to demonstrate residency prior to initiating a case closure or denial. Once this has been done, New Mexico informs the collateral contact in the other active state that benefits are active in New Mexico and that residency has been verified.
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

	Question	Response
	<p>If (YES), please submit a letter to CMS requesting such approval describing how the state meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	N/A
4	<p>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.</p>	YES
	<p>If (YES), please submit a letter to CMS requesting such approval describing how the state meets the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>New Mexico has an permanent waiver to forego using the Federal Data Services Hub to verify SSN, citizenship and the existence and amount of Title II income with the Social Security Administration (SSA) as well as to forego using the Department of Homeland Security's Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system for immigration status verification at all steps.</p>
5	<p>Describe any additional MAGI-based eligibility verification policies and procedures that have not been covered in this verification plan (optional):</p>	