

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

February 26, 2024

Introduced by Sen. CLEARE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to the application for the medicare savings program

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 3 of paragraph (d) of subdivision 3 of section  
2 367-a of the social services law, as amended by section 27 of part B of  
3 chapter 109 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:

4 (3) (i) The commissioner of health shall develop a simplified applica-  
5 tion form, consistent with federal law, for payments pursuant to this  
6 section. The commissioner of health, in cooperation with the office for  
7 the aging, shall publicize the availability of such payments to medicare  
8 beneficiaries.

9 (ii) Low-income subsidy data transmitted from the social security  
10 administration to local departments of social services in accordance  
11 with section 1144(c)(3) of the federal social security act shall be  
12 treated as an application for the medicare savings program, without  
13 requiring submission of another application. Any information verified by  
14 the social security administration shall be accepted without further  
15 verification, if the information provided through low-income subsidy  
16 data supports a determination of eligibility under this subdivision.  
17 The commissioner of health shall report on an annual basis on the status  
18 of the medicare savings program and the number of applications received  
19 by local social services districts under this article.

20 § 2. Subparagraph 3 of paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 367-a  
21 of the social services law, as amended by section 4 of part AAA of chap-  
22 ter 56 of the laws of 2022, is amended to read as follows:

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24 tion form, consistent with federal law, for payments pursuant to this  
25 section. The commissioner of health, in cooperation with the office for  
26 the aging, shall publicize the availability of such payments to medicare  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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11 by local social services districts under this article.

12 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that  
13 section two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the  
14 same manner as section 4 of part AAA of chapter 56 of the laws of 2022,  
15 takes effect.