

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

April 10, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the social services law, in relation to automated identification of eligible participants 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. The social services law is amended by adding a new section  
2 131-sss to read as follows:

3 § 131-sss. Automated identification of program participants. 1. For  
4 the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the follow-  
5 ing meanings:

6 (a) "Office" shall mean the state office of temporary and disability  
7 assistance.

8 (b) "Department" shall mean the state department of health.

9 (c) "SNAP" shall mean the supplemental nutrition assistance program  
10 administered by the state office of temporary and disability assistance.

11 (d) "MSP" shall mean the Medicare savings program administered by the  
12 state department of health.

13 2. The office shall update the SNAP application to allow program  
14 participants to consent, in a manner that is separate and apart from  
15 other requests for consent contained in the application, to the exchange  
16 of such participant's information to verify such enrollee's eligibility  
17 for MSP enrollment.

18 3. The office shall coordinate with the department to facilitate the  
19 secure transmission of data through an interface with the office's  
20 information technology infrastructure.

21 4. No less than once per quarter, the office, upon receipt of the  
22 required data elements from the department shall conduct automated file  
23 matching to identify SNAP program participants who seem to be eligible  
24 for MSP. Within forty-five days of receipt that the SNAP program  
25 participant's eligibility for MSP is confirmed, the department shall  
26 enroll such SNAP participant in MSP.

27 5. If the office and department determine that a federal agency must  
28 authorize a qualifying program to participate in the file-matching proc-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ess, the office and department shall request such federal agency to  
2 authorize the program to participate. The office and department shall  
3 inform the assembly, the senate, and the governor of its determination  
4 regarding the need for federal agency authorization and provide a copy  
5 of the authorization request. The office and department shall provide  
6 updates to the assembly speaker, senate majority leader and the governor  
7 every ninety days until such federal agency has provided a final deter-  
8 mination regarding authorization.

9 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundredth day after it  
10 shall have become a law.