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:

Section 1. The social services law is amended by adding a new section 131-sss to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5. If the office and department determine that a federal agency must 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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ess, the office and department shall request such federal agency to authorize the program to participate. The office and department shall inform the assembly, the senate, and the governor of its determination regarding the need for federal agency authorization and provide a copy of the authorization request. The office and department shall provide updates to the assembly speaker, senate majority leader and the governor every ninety days until such federal agency has provided a final determination regarding authorization.

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