

MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Marsha Judkins

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions related to the Medicaid application and enrollment.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ requires the Department of Health and Human Services (department) to implement features that allow for prepopulating information into the Medicaid application;
- ▶ requires the department to contract with a third-party vendor; and
- ▶ requires the department to send text message status updates regarding a Medicaid application.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

26B-3-143, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **26B-3-143** is enacted to read:



28 **26B-3-143. Medicaid application and enrollment.**

29 (1) As used in this section, "department" means the Department of Health and Human
30 Services and the Department of Workforce Services to the extent the Department of Workforce
31 Services manages the Medicaid application and Medicaid program enrollment.

32 (2) For the application for Medicaid enrollment, the department shall:

33 (a) implement features that allow the application to prepopulate information:

34 (i) previously entered into the application by an individual; and

35 (ii) from a previous Medicaid application created by the individual; and

36 (b) contract with a third-party vendor to improve the accessibility of the Medicaid
37 application.

38 (3) When an individual submits a Medicaid application for review, the department
39 shall send application status updates through text message to the individual unless:

40 (a) the individual opts out of receiving text message updates; or

41 (b) the individual does not enter a phone number that can receive text messages.

42 **Section 2. Effective date.**

43 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.