

Human Services

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

- Requires the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to accept applications, determine eligibility, and perform related administrative activities for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).
- Permits ODJFS to assign these duties to any county department of job and family services.
- Requires ODJFS to verify certain information before certifying a household's eligibility for SNAP benefits.
- Exempts a household from the verification requirement if eligibility certification is being expedited.
- Requires ODJFS to require an applicant to verify the identity of the members of the applicant household before certifying eligibility for SNAP benefits.
- Requires county departments, at least quarterly and as they receive information, to review and act on information that may affect eligibility.
- Requires ODJFS to refer suspected fraud for an administrative disqualification hearing, to a county prosecutor for investigation, or both.

Medical assistance programs

- Requires that certain information be verified when determining an applicant's eligibility for a medical assistance program administered by the Department of Medicaid.
- Requires each applicant for a medical assistance program to verify the applicant's identity as part of the eligibility determination.

- Requires the Department and other entities involved in determining eligibility to review information as they receive it to determine whether it may affect eligibility, and take appropriate action.
- Requires that a medical assistance program recipient suspected of Medicaid eligibility fraud or a similar offense be referred to a county prosecutor for investigation, for an administrative disqualification hearing, or both.

Multistate cooperatives

- Requires the Department of Medicaid and ODJFS to explore joining multistate cooperatives to identify individuals enrolled in public assistance programs in other states.

Board of Nursing's substance use disorder monitoring

- Replaces the term "chemical dependency" with the term "substance use disorder" in statutes governing the Board of Nursing's monitoring program for individuals who abuse alcohol or drugs.