

By: Senator(s) Hill

To: Medicaid; Appropriations

SENATE BILL NO. 2172

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 43-13-122, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAID TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL GRANT  
3 FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE INTEGRATION OF ELIGIBILITY SYSTEMS BETWEEN  
4 MEDICAID AND THE APPLICABLE PROGRAMS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
5 SERVICES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 **SECTION 1.** Section 43-13-122, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:

9 43-13-122. (1) The division is authorizedu to apply to the  
10 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services of the United States  
11 Department of Health and Human Services for waivers and research  
12 and demonstration grants.

13 (2) The division is further authorized to accept and expend  
14 any grants, donations or contributions from any public or private  
15 organization together with any additional federal matching funds  
16 that may accrue andu, including, but not limited to, one hundred  
17 percent (100%) federal grant funds or funds from any governmental  
18 entity or instrumentality thereof in furthering the purposes and  
19 objectives of the Mississippi Medicaid program, provided that such



20 receipts and expenditures are reported and otherwise handled in  
21 accordance with the General Fund Stabilization Act. The  
22 Department of Finance and Administration is authorized to transfer  
23 monies to the division from special funds in the State Treasury in  
24 amounts not exceeding the amounts authorized in the appropriation  
25 to the division.

26 (3) The Division of Medicaid shall submit an Advanced  
27 Planning Document or amend its existing Advanced Planning Document  
28 (APD) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for  
29 the purpose of applying for the OMB A87 exception to support the  
30 integration of eligibility systems between the Division of  
31 Medicaid and any applicable Department of Human Services program  
32 where an integrated system of eligibility will serve the state's  
33 interest in developing shared eligibility services across Health  
34 and Human Services programs, while at the same time promoting and  
35 enhancing the state's efforts of ensuring maximum program  
36 integrity across each agency. In preparing the Advanced Planning  
37 Document or Amendment to same, the Division of Medicaid shall  
38 also:

39 (a) Identify functions that can be leveraged/shared  
40 across the State Medicaid program and other Department of Human  
41 Services agency programs;

42 (b) Weigh benefits of shared systems;

43 (c) Identify interoperability and integration goals;



44                   (d) Seek guidance from CMS/ACF on state ideas prior to  
45 submitting APDs; and

46                   (e) Ensure that the enhancement to front-end identity  
47 and asset verification is an integral part of the advanced  
48 planning and integration process going forward.

49                   The division shall develop a report on the application  
50 process and submit to the Medicaid chairmen of both Houses of the  
51 Legislature within ninety (90) days of application.

52                   **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
53 and after July 1, 2016.

