

Senate Bill 429

Sponsored by Senator SCHRADER

SUMMARY

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Requires Department of Human Services to verify specified resources and to verify other resources through quality review process.

Requires department to seek federal approval for demonstration project to disregard for eligibility purposes negligible interest earned on liquid assets.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to determinations of eligibility for medical assistance; amending ORS 414.049.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 414.049 is amended to read:

5 414.049. (1) For each person applying for health services under ORS 414.705 to 414.750, the De-
6 partment of Human Services shall fully document:

7 [(1)] (a) The category of aid as defined in ORS 414.025 that makes the person eligible for medical
8 assistance or the way in which the person qualifies as categorically needy as defined in ORS 414.025;

9 [(2)] (b) The status of the person as a resident of this state; [and]

10 [(3)] (c) The financial income [and resources] of the person[.]; **and**

11 **(d) Each resource of the person:**

12 **(A) If required by federal law to be verified;**

13 **(B) When conflicting or inaccurate information is provided by the applicant about the**
14 **resource; or**

15 **(C) When the department has reason to believe the available information about the re-**
16 **source is incorrect.**

17 **(2) The department shall verify all resources of each person applying for health services**
18 **under ORS 414.705 to 414.750, except for those described in subsection (1)(d)(C) of this sec-**
19 **tion, by means of the Medicaid eligibility quality control program required by 42 C.F.R.**
20 **431.810.**

21 **(3) As used in this section, "resources" has the meaning given that term in ORS 411.704.**

22 **(4) The department shall seek necessary approval from the Centers for Medicare and**
23 **Medicaid Services to operate a demonstration project in which the interest earned on liquid**
24 **assets is disregarded in the determination of eligibility for medical assistance if the interest**
25 **is likely to be negligible based upon the principal balance in each account. The department**
26 **shall implement the demonstration project upon receipt of the necessary federal approval.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.