

Mitigating Harm from the Budget Reconciliation

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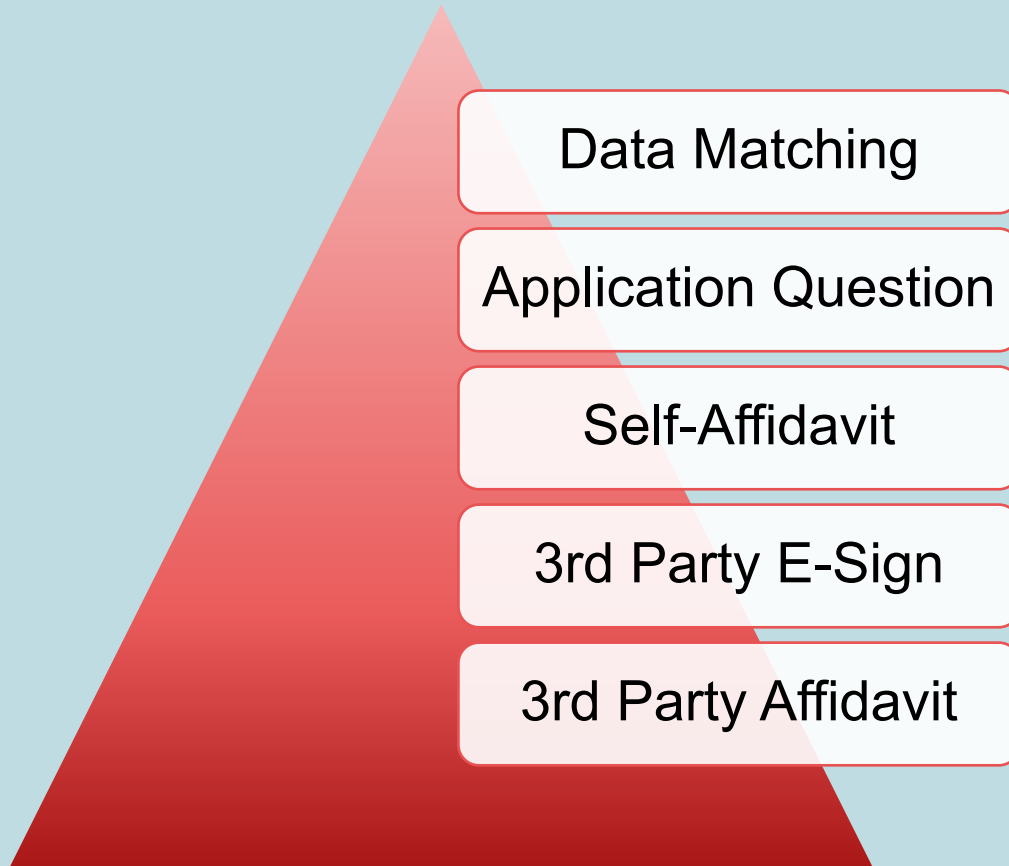
Goal & Principles

Prevent as many individuals as possible from losing Medicaid coverage under the new federal work requirements

1. **Maximize exemptions** – i.e. broad definitions
2. **Minimize burdens** – framework for best ways to demonstrate compliance while prioritizing privacy and dignity, and minimizing costs to the state
3. **Identify and advocate for additional “good policies”** to help more people access care and coverage

Note: work in progress! Thanks to everyone who has spoken with me so far, and we would love to speak with anyone else interested.

Minimizing Burdens: Framework



Least Burdensome

- Fewest additional steps
- Fewest people involved
- Fewest pieces of paper



Most Burdensome

“Good Policy” Examples

- Evaluate enrollees for other eligibility pathways, coverage, benefits
- More universal screening for SUD – i.e. hospitals, emergency departments, schools, jails/prisons
- Stronger enforcement of Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act
- Expand Medicaid networks of SUD providers and increase reimbursement rates
- Increase sustainable funding for safety net providers
- Medicaid Section 1115 Reentry waivers
- Improve Education & Training programs

Outputs

- Convening
- Federal Recommendations
 - No NPRM, but still opportunities to share with policymakers before IFR
- State Recommendations
- Advocate Toolkit