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Research Analysis

The proposed policy committee substitute for HB 4423 provides that the Oklahoma Health Care Authority must verify a Medicaid applicant's status using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system. An applicant's legal status must be confirmed prior to receiving benefits. If the SAVE status indicates a person is not legally in the United States, then the Authority will notify the Office of the Attorney General who will then review the case and notify the United State Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Agency if the applicant's legal status is the United States is unverifiable. The Oklahoma Health Care Authority must post a notice on its website providing information about Medicaid and on its application portal that states that an applicant's immigration status will be reviewed and if unverified, ICE will be notified.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure in its current form, requires the Oklahoma Health Care Authority (OHCA) to verify the legal immigration status of applicants for Medicaid benefits, through the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services' Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system.

The SAVE system charges a monthly fee of \$25 and a per verification charge of \$3.10. These unit costs would be payable by DHS, resulting in a \$300 annual license cost, and a \$3.10 unit cost per verification. These costs would be partially if not completely offset by savings resulting from reduction in the level of fraud related payments of benefits to ineligible illegal immigrants in Oklahoma. The scale of such fraud in Oklahoma is unknown at this time; therefore, it is not possible to forecast at this time whether such savings will or will not fully offset the costs of application verification through the SAVE system.

Officials from OHCA anticipate the ability to absorb any costs related to the provisions of the measure without the need for increased appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.

