

Report: Using the Internet to Facilitate Enrollment in Benefits Programs: Eligibility Screeners and Online Applications (Center for Budget and Policy Priorities 2005)

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' Project on Program Simplification and Coordination conducts research and analysis on how benefit program rules can be simplified and better integrated across programs. The project also provides technical assistance to states and policy analysts interested in pursuing simplification and alignment strategies in their states. The project focuses on the main state-administered benefit programs for families with children — Medicaid, SCHIP, food stamps, TANF, and child care — with a goal of reducing the administrative burden of the programs on both states and low-income families. This report is part of a series designed to describe how states can streamline their rules and procedures in particular areas, and focuses on how states can (and do) use online technology to help low-income families learn about whether they qualify for certain supports such as food stamps, child care assistance, Medicaid or SCHIP, and to assist them in applying for those benefits.

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