

ADVISORY GROUP ON Elimination of Duplicative and Non-Essential Services **PROPOSAL #:** AGDNES #21
SUBJECT: DSS & DHH - Eligibility Determinations **DATE ADOPTED BY ADVISORY GROUP:** 11/02/09; amended on 11/09/09
COMMISSION ACTION: AMENDED / ADOPTED **DATE:** November 10, 2009 **RECOMMENDATION #:** 75

RECOMMENDATION: Consolidate eligibility and enrollment functions for citizens needing services or support from Department of Social Services or Department of Health and Hospitals at no additional cost.

Summary Description/Nature of Change	Key/Implementation Responsibilities	Need	Action Needed	Benefit/Saving	Done/ Study
Develop consolidation plan establishing a single point of electronic access for eligibility and enrollment into public benefit programs offered by DSS and DHH at no additional cost.	DSS and DHH	With shared electronic capacity to combine key components of benefit programs administered in Louisiana (e.g. Medicaid, WIC, TANF, SNAP, CCAP, LaCHIP), administrative burden will be reduced on the programs on both the state and the citizens served. Research from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities demonstrates that "streamlining the application process for benefit programs and reducing duplicative requirements across programs can reduce caseworkers' workloads".	Legislation; Executive action	Benefits is to clients served who have greater initial access to available programs for which they are eligible. Benefit to the state is coordination or resources. Financial savings are not quantifiable at this time.	This combination can better leverage federal dollars for technology and other administrative costs through the Medicaid match.