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119TH CONGRESS  
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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to carry out a study on interagency data sharing and collaboration between the State agencies that administer WIC, SNAP, and Medicaid, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “WIC Collaboration  
5 Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. GAO STUDY ON COLLABORATION BETWEEN WIC,**  
2 **SNAP, AND MEDICAID.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.— Not later than 180 days after  
4 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller  
5 General of the United States shall—

6 (1) carry out a study on whether interagency  
7 data sharing and collaboration between the State  
8 agencies that administer WIC, SNAP, and Medicaid,  
9 respectively, may result in increased enrollment in  
10 WIC; and

11 (2) submit the findings of such study to the ap-  
12 propriate Congressional committees.

13 (b) CONTENTS.—In carrying out the study required  
14 under subsection (a)(1), the Comptroller General shall  
15 consider—

16 (1) whether the interagency data sharing de-  
17 scribed in subsection (a)(1) may result in simplifying  
18 the WIC certification procedures described in section  
19 17(d)(3) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42  
20 U.S.C. 1786);

21 (2) whether and how the State agencies that  
22 administer SNAP and Medicaid share data relating  
23 to such programs with State agencies that admin-  
24 ister WIC, including—

25 (A) how often such data sharing occurs;

1 (B) as of the date of the publication of the  
2 study, the number of data sharing agreements  
3 or memoranda of understanding between such  
4 State agencies related to such data sharing;

5 (3) overlap between—

6 (A) the information required by the WIC  
7 certification procedures described in paragraph  
8 (1); and

9 (B) the information required by SNAP and  
10 Medicaid certification procedures, respectively,  
11 including income data;

12 (4) the effectiveness of—

13 (A) periodic meetings between representa-  
14 tives from State agencies administering WIC,  
15 SNAP, and Medicaid, respectively (as so des-  
16 ignated by such agencies);

17 (B) assessing gaps and overlap in enroll-  
18 ment of participants in WIC, SNAP, and Med-  
19 icaid by comparing the enrollment and eligi-  
20 bility data of such participants; and

21 (C) including the certification requirements  
22 for WIC as part of any online eligibility assess-  
23 ment or program application for SNAP or Med-  
24 icaid;

1           (5) the role of nonprofit organizations in assist-  
2           ing State agencies administering WIC with certi-  
3           fying individuals for participation in such program;  
4           and

5           (6) the projected cost for States of mandatory  
6           interagency data sharing and collaboration described  
7           in subsection (a)(1).

8           (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

9           (1) MEDICAID.—The term “Medicaid” means  
10          the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social  
11          Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.).

12          (2) SNAP.—The term “SNAP” means the sup-  
13          plemental nutrition assistance program under the  
14          Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et  
15          seq.).

16          (3) WIC.—The term “WIC” means the special  
17          supplemental nutrition program for women, infants,  
18          and children under section 17 of the Child Nutrition  
19          Act (42 U.S.C. 1786).