

Proposed Rulemaking

Rules Implementing the Independent Vendor Data Audit Process

Promulgated by: Department of Shared Administrative Services, Employee Benefits Division

Title 21 Public Officers and Employees

Chapter VI. Employee Benefits Division, Department of Shared Administrative Services

Subchapter A. Generally

Part 51. Independent Vendor Data Audit Process

21 CAR § 51-101. Title.

This part shall be known as the Employee Benefits Division, Department of Shared Administrative Services, Independent Vendor Data Audit Process.

21 CAR § 51-102. Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to implement the requirement for an independent audit process to verify the accuracy of data provided by vendors as required by Act 956 of 2025.

21 CAR § 51-103. Definitions.

As used in this part:

- (a) "EBD" means the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Shared Administrative Services; and
- (b) "IAP" means a comprehensive independent audit process to verify the accuracy of data provided by vendors to EBD.

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21 CAR § 51-104. Contract Requirements.

- (a) A vendor contracting with EBD where a fiscal impact is required shall agree to verify the accuracy of all data provided to the State.
- (b) All vendors contracting with EBD must agree to an IAP as a condition of the contract award.
- (c) EBD shall not contract with any vendor that refuses to submit to an independent audit process for data verification purposes.

21 CAR § 51-105. Independent Audit Process.

The Director of EBD shall implement the requirement of an IAP to verify the accuracy of vendor-provided data. The director may request any vendor to submit an IAP at any time during the contract period.

21 CAR § 51-105. Penalties for Inaccurate Data.

- (a) A vendor that is found through an IAP to have provided inaccurate data shall be subject to civil penalties as required by law, including Act 956 of 2025.
- (b) A vendor providing inaccurate data may also face loss of licensure or authorization to operate in this state.