

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: MARYLAND

ASSET VERIFICATION SYSTEM

- 1940(a) of the Act
1. The agency will provide for the verification of assets for purposes of determining or redetermining Medicaid eligibility for aged, blind and disabled Medicaid applicants and recipients using an Asset Verification System (AVS) that meets the following minimum requirements.
 - A. The request and response system shall be electronic:
 - (1) Verification inquiries shall be sent electronically via the internet or similar means from the agency to the financial institution (FI).
 - (2) The system shall not be based on mailing paper-based requests.
 - (3) The system shall have the capability to accept responses electronically.
 - B. The system shall be secure, based on a recognized industry standard of security (e.g., as defined by the U.S. Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology, or NIST).
 - C. The system shall establish and maintain a database of FIs that participate in the agency's AVS.
 - D. Verification requests also shall be sent to FIs other than those identified by applicants and recipients, based on some logic such as geographic proximity to the applicant's home address, or other reasonable factors, whenever the agency determines that such requests are needed to determine or redetermine the individual's eligibility.
 - E. The verification requests shall include a request for information on both open and closed accounts, going back 5 years.

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2. System Development

A. The agency itself will develop an AVS.

In 3 below, provide any additional information the agency wants to include.

B. The agency will hire a contractor to develop an AVS.

In 3 below provide any additional information the agency wants to include.

C. The agency will be joining a consortium to develop an AVS.

In 3 below, identify the States participating in the consortium. Also, provide any other information the agency wants to include pertaining to how the consortium will implement the AVS requirements.

D. The agency already has a system in place that meets the requirements for an acceptable AVS.

In 3 below, describe how the existing system meets the requirements in Section I.

E. Other alternative not included in A. – D. above.

In 3 below, describe this alternative approach and how it will meet the requirements in Section I.

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3. Provide the AVS implementation information requested for the implementation approach checked in Section 2, and any other information the agency may want to include.

Maryland has identified an existing vendor under contract to the Department of Human Resources, the State's Title IV agency. The agencies are in the process of developing with the vendor an Asset Verification System (AVS) that meets the requirements of Supplement 16 to Attachment 2.6-A, page 1. The AVS system will be implemented pursuant to a contract modification after development and testing have been completed. Maryland anticipates the AVS system will be in operation as of July 1, 2012.

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