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State: Nebraska___

ASSET VERIFICATION SYSTEM

1940(a)   1. The agency will provide for the verification of assets for purposes of
of the Act   determining or re-determining 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 must be electronic:

        (1)   Verification inquiries must be sent electronically via the internet or
              similar means from the agency to the financial institution (FI).
        (2)   The system cannot be based on mailing paper-based requests.
        (3)   The system must have the capability to accept responses
              electronically.

   B. The system must 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 must establish and maintain a database of FIs that participate in
       the agency's AVS.

   D. Verification requests also must 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 re-
       determine the individual's eligibility.

   E. The verification requests must include a request for information on both open
       and closed accounts, going back up to 5 years as determined by the State.

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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.

__X___   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 1.

_____   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 1.

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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.

Nebraska Medicaid is preparing to take part in a multi-state consortium, and enter into a contract with the New England States Consortium System Organization (NESCSO), to meet the Federal requirements in implementing an Asset Verification System (AVS). The intention of States in the consortium, is to ensure the AVS module and its different components have well documented system interfaces, providing the flexibility to connect with eligibility systems at different levels. Advantages include minimized procurement costs, purchasing leverage when negotiating with other states, collaboration across states for identifying business and technical requirements, and cost-shared customization.

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Nebraska Asset Verification System Timeline

Task	Estimated Completion Date
Obtain sample RFPs from other states	Completed
Develop list of potential bidders	Completed
Discussion with NESCSO of AVS multi-state procurement	Completed
Received MOU draft from NESCSO and sample procurement	Completed
Review of NESCSO RFP	Completed
NESCSO releases RFP	Completed
NESCSO finalizes vendor contract	Completed
Initialize meeting with NESCSO for pricing and contract information	Completed
Complete contract process	4/30/18
Vendor start date	5/31/18
Complete implementation process	7/1/18
System go live	8/1/18

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