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### 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 must be electronic:
    - (1) Verification requirements 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 recognized industry standards of security, as defined by the U.S. Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology.
  - 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 five 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 intends to 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, provide any additional information the agency wants to include. 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, provide any additional information the agency wants to include.
- ☐ E. Other alternative not included in A. – D. above.  
In 3 below, provide any additional information the agency wants to include.

3. Provide the AVS implementation information request for the implementation approach in section 2, and any other information the agency may want to provide.

Texas Health and Human Services Commission intends to implement an AVS using the agency's current data broker system.

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