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**Region III/Division of Medicaid and Children's Health Operations**

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**December 13, 2016**

Cynthia Beane, MSW, LCSW  
Acting Commissioner  
Bureau for Medical Services  
350 Capitol Street, Room 251  
Charleston, West Virginia 25301-3706

Dear Acting Commissioner Beane:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) would like to inform you of the approval of West Virginia's State Plan Amendment (SPA) 16-003, Asset Verification System. This SPA serves to confirm to CMS how West Virginia will be establishing its Medicaid Asset Verification System.

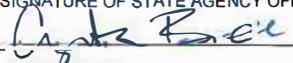
The effective date of this amendment is December 1, 2016. Enclosed are the approved State Plan pages and a copy of the CMS Summary Page (CMS-179 form).

If you have any questions about this SPA, please contact Dan Belnap of my staff at 215-861-4273.

Sincerely,

Francis T. McCullough  
Associate Regional Administrator

Enclosures

<b>TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL</b> FOR: HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION		1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 1 6 - 0 0 3	2. STATE: West Virginia
		3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
10. REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR HEALTH CARE FINANCING ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE July 1, 2016 December 1, 2016 pen and ink change 12/13/16 (db)	
5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW STATE PLAN <input type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AMENDMENT			
COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)			
6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 USC 1396w		7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: a. FFY 2016 \$ 0 b. \$	
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Supplement 16 to attachment 2.6-A, pages 1 and 2		9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable):	
10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT: Asset Verification System			
11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER, AS SPECIFIED: <input type="checkbox"/> COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED <input type="checkbox"/> NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL			
12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL: 		16. RETURN TO: Bureau for Medical Services 350 Capitol Street Room 251 Charleston West Virginia 25301	
13. TYPED NAME: Cynthia Beane			
14. TITLE: Acting Commissioner			
15. DATE SUBMITTED: 27 Sep 16 30-Sept-16 pen & ink change 12/13/16 (db)			
FOR REGIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY			
17. DATE RECEIVED 9/30/2016		18. DATE APPROVED 12/09/2016	
PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED			
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 12/01/2016		20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL: FRANCIS T. MCCULLOUGH -(s/	
21. TYPED NAME: Francis McCullough		22. TITLE Associate Regional Administrator	
23. REMARKS:  12/13/16 pen and ink change to section 4 to change the proposed effective date from July 1, 2016 to December 1, 2016. The effective date for this SPA must be the month the SPA is approved. An additional pen and ink change was made to section 15 to reflect the official submission date of September 30, 2016. (db)			

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**ASSET VERIFICATION SYSTEM**

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of the Act

1. The agency will provide for the verification of assets for purposes of the Act 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 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 redetermine 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.

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.

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.