
INCOME AND ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION SYSTEM PROCEDURES –
REQUESTS TO OTHER STATE AGENCIES

The State of Alaska conducts a data match with the Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) for public assistance recipients on at least an annual basis. The PARIS match helps the state maintain program integrity by detecting and deterring improper payments.

The PARIS match collects data from three separate data matches – federal, Veteran’s Affairs (VA), and interstate. The federal match provides information about recipient’s military and civil service benefits. The VA match provides information about veteran pension and compensation benefits. The interstate provides information about recipients’ possible receipt of duplicative TANF, Medicaid, and food stamp benefits issues by the 50 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico.

ASSET VERIFICATION SYSTEM

- I. The agency will provide for the verification of assets for the purposes of 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 Standard and Technology (NIST)).
 - C. They 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.
- II. 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 state 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.

- III. Provide the AVS implementation information requested for the implementation approach checked in Section 2, and any other information the agency may want to include.
- A. The state, through the authority established in section 1940(g), will procure services through a contracted vendor by soliciting proposals.
 - B. The selected vendor will meet all requirements as delineated in Supplement 16 to Attachment 2.6-A, section I.