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**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & CHILDREN'S HEALTH OPERATIONS**

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July 31, 2018

Tom Betlach, Director  
Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System  
801 East Jefferson Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Dear Mr. Betlach:

We have reviewed the proposed State Plan Amendment (SPA) 18-006, which was submitted to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) San Francisco Regional Office on June 7, 2018. This SPA updates the Asset Verification System (AVS) section of the State Plan to reflect Arizona's election to join a consortium of several states to develop an AVS.

Based on the information provided, we are approving SPA 18-006 with an effective date of May 1, 2018 as requested. We are enclosing the approved Form CMS-179 and the following Medicaid state plan pages:

- Supplement 16 to Attachment 2.6-A, pages 2-3

If you have any additional questions or need further assistance, please contact Brian Zolynas at (415) 744-3601 or [Brian.Zolynas@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Brian.Zolynas@cms.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Hye Sun Lee  
Acting Associate Regional Administrator  
Division of Medicaid & Children's Health Operations

Enclosure:



STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: Arizona

ASSET VERIFICATION SYSTEM

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.

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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.

AHCCCS will be joining the NESCSO consortium with Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont to obtain an Asset Verification System.