

Medicaid Asset Verification System (AVS)

Questions and Responses

PROPOSALS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 13, 2025 BY 5:00 PM CDT

RFP # 17546

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Q1: Can DSS confirm the Merative Cúram version/build currently used for the Medicaid Eligibility & Enrollment (E&E) system?

A1: The State's current version of Merative Curam is V8.

Q2: Does DSS prefer a specific integration pattern for the AVS, such as daily SFTP batch exchange, near real-time API, or both?

A2: The State prefers a daily SFTP batch exchange.

Q3: Are there any existing request/response file formats or schemas (e.g., XML, CSV, JSON) that the State would like the AVS to follow or map to?

A3: Yes, there are existing file formats for both the request and response files for the existing daily batch file.

Q4: May the AVS auto-package evidence (SSA-4641-aligned PDF and machine-readable record) and auto-attach it to the Cúram case record at the time of response?

A4: We historically have not attached the information to the case in a PDF format. We store the response data within the user interface so it is viewable.

Q5: If auto-attachment is allowed, can DSS share any required document metadata (e.g., naming conventions, tags, or indexing structure) for ingestion into Cúram?

A5: See response to Q4. There is no expectation to store a PDF of the information.

Q6: For proposal demonstrations or orals, does DSS plan to provide specific scenarios or scripted use cases (e.g., LTC eligibility case) to ensure consistent evaluation?

A6: The State submits requests to the AVS for any application which contains an applicant and their spouse (if applicable) who is age 65 or older, disabled, or states they require assistance with activities of daily living on a daily basis. On a monthly basis, we submit requests for all individuals in a Medicaid program which has an asset limit and a renewal due.

Q7: Please clarify whether access to the SFTP folder is restricted to a specific timeframe. Are vendors able to request access now, even if their proposal submission is not yet ready?

A7: Vendors can request an SFTP folder anytime between RFP publication and the deadline to request.

Q8: Please confirm the maximum upload size and any required naming convention for files uploaded to the State's SFTP portal.

A8: There should not be an issues with a multi-gigabyte upload size, and no required naming convention.

Q9: Please confirm whether the anticipated annual transaction volume is 36,000. We plan to use this figure for pricing model development.

A9: The 36,000 estimate is from prior years' transaction counts and may be subject to some level of fluctuation. In your cost proposal, please note if costs are incurred on a per transaction basis, a flat amount with overages, or other model for the State to evaluate.

Q10: Will transaction volumes increase under the current OBRA requirement for six-month eligibility checks? If so, should vendors model approximately 72,000 transactions annually for cost proposal purposes?

A10: We believe the OBRA requirement for six month renewals to be applicable only to those eligible under the Adult Group at 42 CFR 435.119. Because this group has no asset test requirement, we do not believe this will increase our volume of AVS transactions.