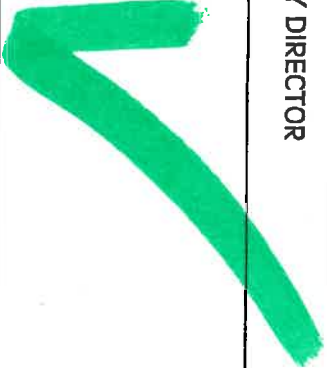


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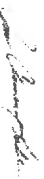
Re: Asset Verification System

Dear Ms. Mann:

I am writing to you on behalf of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors (NASMD) about our concerns with regard to the Asset Verification System (AVS) requirements. I am hopeful that you can provide us with some assistance in delaying the implementation of AVS. As you know states are currently struggling with their budgets while also implementing ARRA, CHIPRA, and soon healthcare reform. There has not been any evidence to show that there is a sufficient return on investment for this system which is even more frustrating for the struggling states. As such we would like the implementation of AVS to be delayed until after health reform.

Should you have any questions or wish to talk with me further about this I can be reached at 202-682-0100 x299 or ann.kohler@aphsa.org.

Sincerely,



Ann Clemency Kohler
NASMD Director

Emma Forkner - FW: NASMD letter on the Asset Verification System

From: "Cohen, Ilana" <ICohen@aphsa.org>
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Attachments: NASMD letter to CMS on AVS7.09.pdf

Good Afternoon:

Attached please find a copy of the letter that we sent to CMS regarding AVS implementation.

Regards,
Ilana

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