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Attn: Compliance Officer
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Re: Medicaid Data Matching Program

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) contacted you in July 2017 to terminate our contract with you for the Wisconsin Medicaid Asset Verification Data Matching Program. This change was prompted by the end of our contract with Health Management Systems Inc. (HMS) as DHS' vendor for the asset verification program.

DHS has recently selected a new vendor, Public Consulting Group (PCG), to assist with our asset verification activities. As part of this new contract, we will shift from the quarterly data matching process you participated in previously, to a process in which DHS obtains data about member assets on an as-needed basis through Accuity Asset Verification Services (Accuity), which currently serves as the registrar for the American Bankers Association. Accuity already works with the majority of financial institutions in Wisconsin to obtain data on member assets for the Social Security Administration as well as for other states' asset verification programs. We expect to begin this new process at the end of June 2018.

Using Accuity will provide several advantages for the state of Wisconsin. Accuity provides a much quicker response to our queries than the quarterly matching process. We can use information from Accuity to verify asset information when individuals first apply for Medicaid, rather than waiting until months after their eligibility has been determined. We also have the opportunity to request historical asset information, which is critical when determining whether members have improperly divested assets in order to become eligible for long-term care services. These features are important because they ensure that we are fully compliant with federal mandates regarding electronic asset verification.

Because the majority of financial institutions already report through Accuity, DHS does not plan to establish individual contracts with each financial institution. We are also ending the availability of a quarterly \$125 payment to each financial institution.

This change only pertains to data matching for Medicaid; it does not affect existing processes that financial institutions use to provide asset information to other state entities, such as Child Support, the Department of Revenue, or the Unemployment Insurance Bureau.

As a next step, Accuity will be in touch with your financial institution in the next few weeks to provide options and instructions for responding to requests for data matching through Accuity. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact us at DHSEligibilityHealthcarePolicy@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Heather K. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Heather K. Smith
Medicaid Director