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Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to inform you that we are ready to begin using the Social Security Administration's Online Verification of Social Security Number (OVS), as a part of the DAVE EDRS system. Through the use of OVS, a decedent's social security number (SSN) is transmitted to the Social Security Administration to be electronically verified. OVS will ensure accuracy for families when applying for social security benefits and will allow for the immediate and automatic termination of benefits to deceased individuals, thus reducing any erroneous payments.

Funeral homes using the OVS functionality of DAVE will no longer need to submit a separate Form SSA-721 Statement of Death by Funeral Director to report an individual's death to the Social Security Administration. Funeral homes using OVS will receive instant notification regarding the accuracy of the social security number as compared with the name, date of birth, and gender of the decedent.

Thank you for your continued participation with DAVE EDRS. If you have any questions, please contact Rick Schroder, RHIA at 717-547-3692 or [rschroder@pa.gov](mailto:rschroder@pa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank Caniglia', written over a horizontal line.

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Enclosures