

Using the AVS Consent Window in NFOCUS:

- The AVS Consent window is used to track whether a client has consented to his or her information being used in the AVS system.
- AVS consent is only required to process applications for programs which include a resource test (Non-MAGI). AVS consent can be gathered for other applicants but is not required.
- Consent must be gathered and recorded for adult applicants to Non-MAGI programs as well their financially responsible spouse if their spouse is not also applying.
- Clients can give consent for AVS in several ways:
 - When someone has submitted and signed an application for Nebraska Medicaid, they have also consented to AVS.
 - If a married couple applies for Nebraska Medicaid, that is they are both applying for Medicaid benefits, then one signature from one of the spouses can serve as consent for both spouses.
 - If an individual is not applying for Nebraska Medicaid, but their spouse is applying, then they will also need to consent to AVS. They can do this through:
 - Signing the Nebraska Medicaid Application in the “Spouse of Applicant” field.
 - Signing the AVS Spouse Consent Form.
 - **AVS consent can be given by using the Consent Line during a phone call between the worker and the individual (in lieu of obtaining the MILTC-63).**
- When using the AVS consent window, all that has to be checked is whether these signatures were gathered for the appropriate individual. If the application or form was signed by the appropriate person, his or her consent can be recorded in the new window. Once obtained, consent remains in effect unless the applicant rescinds his or her consent in writing.
- Should the non-applicant spouse fail to sign his or her spouse’s application, send the “Non-Applicant Spouse Consent Form” in order to gather consent. The spouse cannot be submitted to AVS until this consent is gathered. Failure to provide this consent will result in closure for failure to provide.
- This consent window should be reviewed when processing any initial application and at renewal to insure that consent has been properly recorded. The AVS consent begin date should be entered in NFOCUS using the application received date or form received date, as applicable.