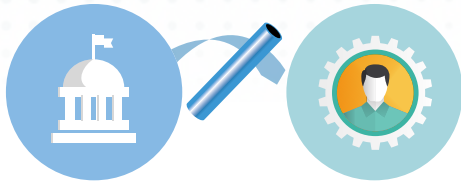# THIRD-PARTY PARTNERSHIP MODELS

AAMVA's "Best Practices for Administering Third-Party Agents" defines five general models that account for the majority of third-party agent partnerships across North America.

KEY

- **JURISDICTION**
- **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY**
- **AGENT**
- **VENDOR/ SOFTWARE PROVIDER**
- **CONTRACTS CONTROLLED BY JURISDICTION**
- **CONTRACTS CONTROLLED BY OTHER ENTITIES**

Direct Jurisdiction – Agent

PRIME CONTRACT - Agent
BENEFITS - Agent using jurisdiction system
CONCERNS - Jurisdiction responsible for maintaining equipment and upgrades

Jurisdiction – Vendor and Agent

PRIME CONTRACT - Vendor and Agent
BENEFITS - Direct relationship with each entity
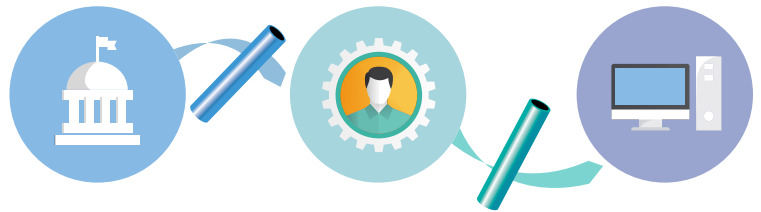**CONCERNS** - Additional contracts

Jurisdiction – Vendor Subcontract to Agent

PRIME CONTRACT - Vendor
BENEFITS - Single connection to vendor enables quality control on multiple agents by vendor
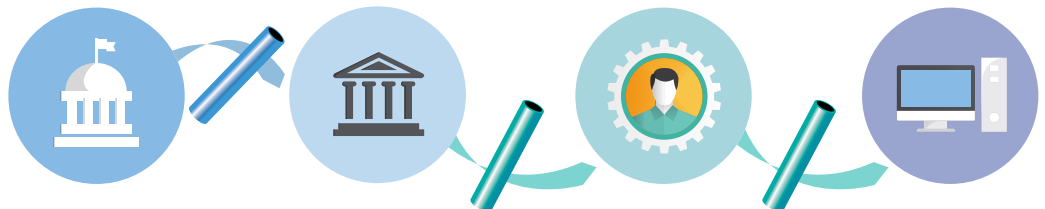**CONCERNS** - No direct relationship to the agent

Jurisdiction – Agent Subcontract to Vendor

PRIME CONTRACT - Agent
BENEFITS - Direct relationship with agent; agent has options on vendors and software
CONCERNS - Quality and availability of vendor software

Jurisdiction – Local Government Entity Subcontract to Agent – Vendor

PRIME CONTRACT - Local Government Entity
BENEFITS - Local Government Entity engages with agents and vendors as needed
CONCERNS - Added layers of responsibility