

**RENEWAL OF COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
INDIANA FAMILY AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION DIVISION OF  
FAMILY RESOURCES,  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY,  
AND  
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

*Verification of Eligibility of Lifeline Program and Affordable Connectivity Program Subscribers*

The Privacy Act of 1974, as amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988, provides that a matching agreement shall remain in effect only for such period, not to exceed eighteen (18) months, as the Data Integrity Board of the agency determines is appropriate.

Within three (3) months prior to the expiration of such an agreement, the Data Integrity Board of the agency may, without additional review, renew the matching agreement for a current, ongoing matching program for not more than one (1) year if: (i) such program will be conducted without any change; and (ii) each party to the agreement certifies to the board in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement. 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(D).

The following meets the conditions for renewal.

**I. TITLE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM:** Lifeline and Other Federal Connectivity Benefit Programs Computer Matching Agreement with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Family Resources

**II. RECIPIENT AGENCIES:** Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC)

**III. SOURCE AGENCY:** Indiana Family and Social Services Administration Division of Family Resources (FSSA/DFR)

**IV. PURPOSE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM**

The purpose of this matching agreement is to provide the FCC's Lifeline program and Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), as administered by USAC, with information about whether an individual participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid. Since participation in such programs makes individuals eligible for the Lifeline program, 47 C.F.R. § 54.409(a)(2), and/or the ACP, 47 C.F.R. § 54.1800(j), the automated matching undertaken through this agreement is a cost-effective and efficient way to verify that an individual may receive the benefits of these programs.<sup>1</sup>

Section 254 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the FCC to establish federal universal support mechanisms, including the Lifeline program for low-income

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<sup>1</sup> On February 8, 2024, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau froze new applications and enrollments into the ACP, due to projections of the depletion of remaining funds and the lack of immediate additional funding from Congress for the program. *See Affordable Connectivity Program*, WC Docket No. 21-450, Order, DA 24-23, at 8, para. 21 (WCB Jan. 11, 2024) (available at: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-24-23A1.pdf>).

consumers. 47 U.S.C. § 254(b). The FCC has appointed USAC as the permanent Administrator of the federal Universal Service Fund support mechanisms, including the Lifeline program. 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.701-717. Under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, as amended by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, and pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the FCC and USAC, USAC administers the ACP. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 1752(i)(5).

FSSA/DFR is responsible for the oversight and supervision of SNAP and Medicaid eligibility under Indiana Code 12-13-1-1 and Indiana Code 12-13-5-2 (note that the Office of the FSSA Secretary is established as the administrator of the state Medicaid plan under Indiana Code 12-5-1-1 and has delegated authority to make Medicaid eligibility determinations to DFR pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 431.10(c); DFR is a division of FSSA). FSSA/DFR maintains the case records and confidential personally identifiable information (PII) of individual applicants and recipients for SNAP and Medicaid.

#### **V. EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE MATCHING AGREEMENT**

The current effective period of the matching agreement is September 15, 2023 through March 14, 2025.

#### **VI. EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE RENEWAL OF THE MATCHING AGREEMENT**

Upon execution of the certification by the parties and approval of the Data Integrity Board of the Federal Communications Commission, the effective period is renewed for the period of March 15, 2025 through March 14, 2026.

## VII. AGENCY CERTIFICATION

As designated representatives of the agencies participating in the matching program, we certify that: (i) the matching program will be conducted without change; and (ii) the matching program has been conducted in compliance with the current agreement.

### A. Source Agency

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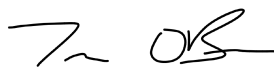
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Sunshine Beam  
Acting Director, Division of  
Family Resources  
Indiana Family and Social  
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### B. Recipient Agencies



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Tim O'Brien  
Vice President, Lifeline  
Universal Service Administrative Company

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Mark Stephens  
Managing Director  
Federal Communications Commission

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## **VIII. DATA INTEGRITY BOARD APPROVAL**

On behalf of the Data Integrity Board of the Federal Communications Commission, respectfully, I approve the renewal of the current agreement.

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Elliot S. Tarloff  
Chairperson, Data Integrity Board  
Federal Communications Commission

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