



Universal Service
Administrative Co.

February 2, 2022

Ms. Sharon Condel
Director of Business Systems
Connecticut Department of Social Services
55 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, CT 06015

Re: Computer Matching Agreement Between Connecticut Department of Social Services and
Universal Service Administrative Company and the Federal Communications
Commission

Dear Ms. Condel:

Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) are parties to a Computer Matching Agreement effective as of November 8, 2021 (CMA). This letter is to inform you of a modification and extension of an FCC program that is the subject of this CMA.

Pursuant to Section II.A. of the CMA, the results of the data matching generated by the CMA “serve as one of several data points to verify eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of the [Emergency Broadband Benefit] program or other Federal programs that use qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion (collectively, along with the Lifeline program, referenced herein as the Federal Telecommunications Benefit (FTB) programs) using the National Verifier and to further the integrity of the FTB programs.”

On November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (the Act) became law.¹ The Act modified and extended the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program) to a longer-term broadband affordability program called the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). Pursuant to the provisions of the Act, the EBB Program ceased, and the ACP commenced, on December 31, 2021. At that time, USAC began administering the ACP pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the FCC and USAC and consistent with the FCC’s rules contained in Part 54 of the Code of Federal Regulations, orders, written directives, and other instructions promulgated by the FCC or its bureaus and offices and other laws as applicable.

¹ Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58, 135 Stat. 429 (2021), *available at* <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BILLS-117hr3684enr/pdf/BILLS-117hr3684enr.pdf>.

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The ACP, like the EBB Program before it, is a federal program that uses qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion. Accordingly, the ACP is a Federal Telecommunications Benefit (FTB) program, as such term is used in the CMA. When the DSS-USAC connection goes live (anticipated to occur on February 4, 2022), data matching under the CMA will commence to determine subscriber eligibility for the ACP.²

The USAC records shared as part of the CMA for purposes of determining ACP eligibility reside within the same system of records identified in the CMA for the EBB Program, which the FCC has designated as FCC/WCB-3. A modified System of Records Notice (to reflect the modifications made to the EBB Program for the ACP) was published in the Federal Register on December 16, 2021 (86 FR 71494). Routine Use No. 3 supports the FCC's disclosures under the CMA.

If you have any questions related to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Federal Communications Commission

Universal Service Administrative Company

Mark Stephens
Managing Director

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Vice President, Lifeline

² USAC also notes that, pursuant to the Interconnection Security Agreement between USAC and DSS executed on October 5, 2021 (ISA), data exchanges to verify subscriber eligibility for purposes of the ACP will also commence under the ISA when the connection goes live.