

**RENEWAL OF COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES,  
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 Telecommunications Benefit Computer Matching Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Social Services

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

**III. SOURCE AGENCY:** Connecticut Department of Social Services (DSS)

**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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Since participation in such program 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.

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 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).

DSS is responsible for the oversight and supervision of SNAP eligibility under Section 17b-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes. DSS maintains the case records and confidential personally identifiable information (PII) of individual applicants and recipients for SNAP.

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

The current effective period of the matching agreement is November 8, 2021 through May 7, 2023.

**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 May 8, 2023 through May 7, 2024.

**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**

**B. Recipient Agencies**

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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  
Chairman, Data Integrity Board  
Federal Communications Commission

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