

**RENEWAL OF THE COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES
AND
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
FOR
DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO SUPPORT ELIGIBILITY
DETERMINATION FOR
PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL LIFELINE PROGRAM**

**CMS Computer Matching Agreement No. 2021-20
Department of Health and Human Services No. 2108**

Under the applicable provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, amended by the Computer Matching and Privacy Protection Act of 1988 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), a Computer Matching Agreement (CMA) may be effective for a period not to exceed 18 months. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(C). Within 3 months prior to the expiration of the agreement, however, the relevant Data Integrity Board(s) (DIB(s)) may, without additional review, renew the agreement for not more than one additional year, if:

1. The matching program will be conducted without any change; and
2. Each party to the agreement certifies to the DIB in writing that the program has been conducted in compliance with the agreement.

See 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(D). Only a “significant” change precludes renewal and requires a new agreement. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552a(r) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-108 at section 8.b.

This matching program meets the conditions for renewal upon signature of the certifications at the end of this renewal agreement by the authorized source and recipient agency officials:

I. TITLE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM

Computer Matching Agreement between the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for Disclosure of Information to Support Eligibility Determination for Participation in the Federal Lifeline Program.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services No. 2021-20
Department of Health and Human Services No. 2108

II. PARTIES TO THE MATCHING PROGRAM

Recipient Agency: Federal Communications Commission

Source Agency: The Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (HHS/CMS)

III. PURPOSE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM

This renewal agreement extends the computer matching agreement identified in Section I above (the CMA), which establishes the terms, conditions, safeguards and procedures under which the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will disclose Medicaid eligibility information to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to support eligibility determinations for participation in the Federal Universal Service Fund (USF or Fund) Lifeline Program (Lifeline). The results used to determine eligibility for Lifeline will also be used to determine eligibility for the Federal Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). *See* Modification of Computer Matching Agreement Between the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Federal Communications Commission for Disclosure of Information to Support Eligibility Determination for Participation in the Federal Lifeline Program, CMS Computer Matching Agreement No. 2021-20, Department of Health and Human Services No. 2108 (Jan. 18, 2022). Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has been designated by the FCC as the administrator of both Lifeline and ACP.

IV. ORIGINAL EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM

Effective Date: April 15, 2021
Expiration Date: October 14, 2022

V. RENEWAL AND NEW EXPIRATION DATES

Renewal Date: October 15, 2022
New Expiration Date: October 14, 2023

VI. NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE CMA

By this renewal, FCC and CMS make the following changes to the CMA that do not constitute significant changes under 5 U.S.C. § 552a(r) and section 8.b of OMB Circular A-108.

1. In article XVI, “Persons to Contact,” delete all contacts in their entirety and replace with the following:

A. The USAC and FCC contacts are:

1. **Programmatic Issues:**

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2. **Privacy Issues:**

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B. The CMS contacts are:

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Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
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2. Privacy and Agreement Issues:

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CMS Privacy Act Officer
Division of Security, Privacy Policy & Governance
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Baltimore, MD 21244-1850
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VII. **CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES SIGNATURES**

A. CMS Program Approval:

As the approving representative of the program named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

Electronic Signature Acknowledgement: The signatories may sign this document electronically by using an approved electronic signature process. Each signatory electronically signing this document agrees that his/her electronic signature has the same legal validity and effect as his/her handwritten signature on the document, and that it has the same meaning as his/her handwritten signature.

A blue rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Vitolo".

Date: 08/10/2022

Sara Vitolo, Acting Deputy Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

B. CMS Agency Certification:

As the authorized representative of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months, subject to the approval of the respective Data Integrity Boards of the parties.

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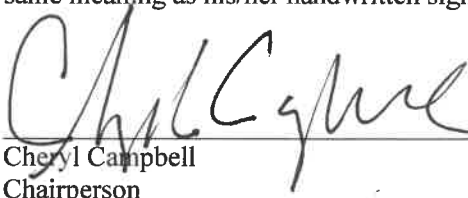
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Michael Pagels, Director
Division of Security, Privacy Policy and Governance, and
Senior Official for Privacy
Office of Information Technology
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

C. HHS Data Integrity Board Certification:

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any change for an additional 12 months.

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Date: 8.17.22

Cheryl Campbell
Chairperson
HHS Data Integrity Board
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

VIII. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION SIGNATURES

As the authorized representative of the source agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program has been conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will be conducted without any change for one additional year upon approval of this renewal by the Data Integrity Board of each party.

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A. FCC Approving Official

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Mark Stephens
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_____ Date _____

Mark Stephens
Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission

B. FCC Data Integrity Board Official

As Chair of the Data Integrity Board of the recipient agency named above, I certify that: (1) the subject matching program was conducted in compliance with the existing computer matching agreement between the parties; and (2) the subject matching program will continue without any changes for an additional 12 months.

Elliot S. Tarloff  Digitally signed by Elliot S.
Tarloff
Date: 2022.08.03 10:10:45 -0400

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