

**RENEWAL OF COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY,
AND
THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

Verification of Eligibility of 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. 5 U.S.C. § 552a(o)(2)(C).

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: Federal Telecommunications Benefit Computer Matching Agreement with Minnesota Department of Human Services, Contract No: DSK 194519

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

III. SOURCE AGENCY: Minnesota Department of Human Services (The Department)

IV. PURPOSE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM

The purpose of this matching agreement is to provide the FCC and USAC with information about whether an individual participates in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Medicaid. Since participation in the programs makes individuals eligible for the FCC's Affordable Connectivity Program (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 the ACP.

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 is the Administrator of the ACP. *See* 47 U.S.C. § 1752(i)(5).

The Department is responsible for the oversight and supervision of SNAP and Medicaid eligibility under Minnesota Statutes §§ 15.061 and 256.01, subd. 2. The Department 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 July 16, 2021 through January 15, 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 January 16, 2023 through January 15, 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

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Shireen Gandhi
Deputy Commissioner
Minnesota Department of Human
Services

12/30/2022
Date

B. Recipient Agencies

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

1/3/2023
Date

Mark Stephens
Managing Director
Federal Communications Commission

Date

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.

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

Date