RENEWAL OF COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT BETWEEN NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF WELFARE AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, UNIVERSAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPANY, AND THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Verification of Eligibility of Lifeline 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)(C) and (D).

The following meets the conditions for renewal.

I. TITLE OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM: Computer Matching Agreement with Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services

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

III. SOURCE AGENCY: Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Welfare and Supportive Services (DWSS)

IV. PURPOSE AND LEGAL AUTHORITY OF THE MATCHING PROGRAM

The purpose of this matching agreement is to provide the FCC’s Lifeline program, as administered by USAC, with information about whether an individual participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Medicaid. Since participation in such programs makes individuals eligible for the Lifeline program, 47 C.F.R. § 54.409(a)(2), 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 Lifeline program.

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.

DWSS is responsible for the oversight and supervision of SNAP under Chapter 422A of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Medicaid under Chapter 422 of the NRS. DWSS 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 June 12, 2020 through December 13, 2021.

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 December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022.

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

Steve H. Fisher  
Administrator  
Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Welfare and Supportive Services

10/20/2021  
Date

B. Recipient Agencies

James Lee  
Acting Vice President, Lifeline  
Universal Service Administrative Company

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.

This renewal agreement shall remain in effect from December 14, 2021 through December 13, 2022.

Margaret Drake
Chairperson, Data Integrity Board
Federal Communications Commission

Date