

**RENEWAL OF COMPUTER MATCHING AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL 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 year if: (1) such program will be conducted without any change; and (2) 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:** Verification of Eligibility of Lifeline Program Subscribers

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

**SOURCE AGENCY:** South Carolina 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, as administered by USAC, with information about whether an individual participates in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). 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 USF support mechanisms, including the Lifeline program. 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.701-717.

DSS is responsible for the oversight and supervision of SNAP eligibility under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; Title 7 §271.4. 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 18, 2019 through April 19, 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 April 20, 2021 through April 20, 2022.

**VII. AGENCY CERTIFICATION**

As designated representatives of the agencies participating in the matching program, we certify that: (1) the matching program will be conducted without change and (2) the matching program has been conducted in compliance with the current agreement.

**A. Source Agency**

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Deputy Director of Economic Services  
South Carolina Department of  
Social Services

03/02/2021  
Date

**B. Recipient Agency**



James Lee  
Acting Vice President, Lifeline  
Universal Service Administrative Company

3/30/2021  
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 April 20, 2021 through April 20, 2022.

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Margaret Drake  
Chairperson, Data Integrity Board  
Federal Communications Commission

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Date